

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING)
OCTOBER 19 – 24, 2015 AS)
FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK)

WHEREAS, floods can occur in Santa Barbara County in any given year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends and

WHEREAS, during the past two decades, Santa Barbara County has seen several above average rainfall years, resulting in devastating flooding to portions of our community, which should serve as a vivid reminder of the flooding threat we face and the need to prepare every year; and

WHEREAS, the County Flood Control District prepares for each winter assuming significant flooding could result and each resident should do the same to protect their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County makes available for public viewing the flood insurance rate maps that are developed and published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, because of the County's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses which do occur; and

WHEREAS, of all the cities and counties in the State of California, residents of unincorporated Santa Barbara County represent one of a few such communities where residents are able to purchase flood insurance at a 20% discount due to the County's Level 6 standing in the Community Rating System (CRS) that credits the County for its maintenance program, emergency response efforts, and floodplain management program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors along with the State of California proclaim the week of October 19, 2015 as Flood Preparedness Week and encourage Santa Barbara County residents to also be prepare for the winter and view the exhibits located in the lobby of the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria and the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13th day of October, 2015, by unanimous vote of all members present.