



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024  
AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, April is recognized each year as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, focusing attention on an issue that harms women, men, and people of all backgrounds; and*

*WHEREAS, as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Denim Day takes place on April 24, as a day of action and awareness to show solidarity with survivors of sexual violence, and enact efforts against victim blaming; and*

*WHEREAS, sexual assault is a form of abuse that is exacerbated by misogyny, racism, homophobia, and other systems of oppression; and*

*WHEREAS 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetimes; and*

*WHEREAS, rape crisis centers and other community organizations committed to ending sexual violence emerged in California in the 1970s, and have been doing critical work to prevent sexual assault and support survivors of sexual assault ever since; and*

*WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County, the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA), UCSB Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE), and other community-based organizations deliver services to hundreds of community members each year, and educate thousands more; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of April 2024 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Santa Barbara County to help prevent sexual assault and support survivors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of May 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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