

Santa Barbara County, California
Resolution of the Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS AND THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT TO THE AWARE & PREPARE INITIATIVE	Resolution # _____
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Whereas, the California Disaster Services Act established an intermediate level of emergency management between local jurisdictions and the State or Federal government called the “Operational Area”;

Whereas, the Operational Area is the County of jurisdiction;

Whereas, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services (also referred to as the “Office of Emergency Management”), which is a division in the County Executive Office, is designated as the Operational Area agency for coordinating emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation for Santa Barbara County;

Whereas, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, the Orfalea Foundations and Witt Associates, began an initiative in 2007 to integrate philanthropic funding into strategic priorities for the Operational Area to improve preparedness and readiness;

Whereas, the strategic priorities that funding is directed to through the efforts of Aware & Prepare are 1) Public Education and Awareness, 2) Coordination and Communication, 3) Preparedness, 4) Emergency Public Information, 5) Resources and Personnel, 6) Authority and Management, and 7) Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD);

Whereas, this partnership known as the “Aware & Prepare Initiative: A Community Partnership to Strengthen Emergency and Disaster Readiness”, works to assist with Operational Area coordination and assist with funding toward key strategic initiatives to cities, jurisdictions, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations within the Santa Barbara County Operational Area;

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Whereas, the partnered efforts of Aware & Prepare from 2007-2011 have yielded greater coordination and integration with Operational Area-wide collaborative projects and programs towards enhancing disaster readiness;

Whereas, the Aware & Prepare Initiative, now an integrated component and strategy of the Office of Emergency Services, will continue its collaboration with local nonprofits and local jurisdictions;

Whereas, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services agrees to carry on and facilitate the efforts of the Aware & Prepare Initiative moving forward;

Now Therefore, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to continue its partnership with local philanthropies and, in order to provide leadership as well as directed and coordinated funding for the strategic Aware & Prepare Initiative, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to receive funding, as available from the Orfalea Fund and the Santa Barbara Foundation.

Any funding received by the Office of Emergency Services shall be done in accordance with County policy and State statute.

Funds received by the Office of Emergency Services for the Aware & Prepare Initiative shall be deposited into a designated fund, as established by the Auditor-Controller and the County Executive Officer, and used only for Aware & Prepare activities as directed by the Office of Emergency Services through the Emergency Operations Chief or the County Executive Officer.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of August 9, 2011, by the following majority vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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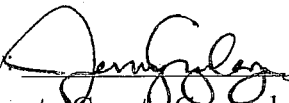
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