COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA SOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, encouraging family history research and sharing that knowledge from generation to generation can be an enriching and rewarding experience for young and old, and builds a connection to family, home and community; and

WHEREAS, the treasured records that detail the history of our families are meticulously curated by libraries, genealogy centers, historical societies and archives around the world; and

WHEREAS, family history research can be especially challenging for African Americans, Native Americans, and some immigrant communities due to historical gaps in written records, yet efforts by institutions like the National Museum of African American History and Culture Library and Native American tribes are helping to recover and preserve these invaluable family histories, thus fostering a deeper understanding of their ancestral heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, established in 1972, assists individuals from all backgrounds in discovering, documenting, sharing, and preserving their family histories, and operates the Sahyun Genealogical Library, which is open to the public for research at 316 Castillo Street in Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 million individuals from across the United States, including thousands in Santa Barbara County, have embarked on genealogical journeys by discovering who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their lives and our past.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara proclaims October of 2024 as Family History Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to observe the month with activities celebrating their family history.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15th day of October 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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