



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT WITH INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

**WHEREAS**, an earthquake is a sudden jolt of ground shaking that occurs when the earth's tectonic plates shift or slip naturally, due to volcanic or magmatic activity, or because of some other sudden change. People living, visiting, or working in the County of Santa Barbara must be aware of the ongoing and deadly hazards associated with earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara promotes earthquake preparedness through County department participation in the Great California Shakeout as well as year-round efforts to plan for earthquake-related disasters, to facilitate the continuity of government, and coordinate public assistance following a major earthquake event; and

**WHEREAS**, earthquakes will occur with minimal advanced warning. The public must be prepared to act and avoid earthquake-caused injuries. If you believe an earthquake is imminent or in progress, you should **DROP or LOCK, COVER and HOLD ON** - Safely, calmly, and quickly protect yourself under a sturdy object, and hold that object over you until shaking completely stops; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California offers an Earthquake Early Warning System free of charge which may notify the public seconds to tens of seconds prior to shaking, allowing you the opportunity to take life saving actions; this system is built into Android devices, but all others should download the MyShake App to receive these life Saving notifications; and

**WHEREAS**, public can improve their personal preparedness by making emergency kits and registering for emergency alerts at [www.ReadySBC.org](http://www.ReadySBC.org); and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, Santa Barbara County can utilize the information available at [www.ShakeOut.org/california](http://www.ShakeOut.org/california) to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, all Santa Barbara County residents and visitors are encouraged to practice how to safely drop or lock, cover, and hold on during this year's **Great California Shakeout** exercise, at 10:17AM on October 17, 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the day of October 17, 2024, as Earthquake Preparedness Day and encourage participating in the Great California ShakeOut.

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



**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

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