RESOLUTION NO. 23-171

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 6 – 12, 2023, NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 6 – 12, 2023, NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers sponsors National Health Center Week to celebrate and increase awareness of America's 1,400 Community Health Centers. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department operates 5 Health Care Centers and 3 shelter-based clinics providing high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care in our County's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 26227 ("Section 26227") authorizes the Board of Supervisors to expend money from the general fund of the County to establish County programs deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County, including but not limited to, the areas of health, public safety, and welfare and Section 26227 further authorizes officers and employees to use County resources to carry out any such program established by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department has invited over 30 community partners and agencies to join them during National Health Center Week to host Back to School Health Fairs for the community at the Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria Health Care Centers; and

WHEREAS, the services offered to those attending are specific to fostering the well-being of all community members and especially those who are served by the Health Care Centers; and

WHEREAS, hosting these single day events on County property serves the public purpose of providing ease of access to the community by having community partners, agencies, and County services and programs all located in one area, which fosters collaboration between agencies and partners in outreach to the community with a focus on addressing a larger spectrum of needs for those in underserved communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby Proclaim August 6th through 12th of 2023 as National Health Center Week, find that hosting Back to School Health Fairs on County property serves a public purpose by bringing community partners, agencies, and the County together in one accessible location which meets the social needs of the population of the County, and authorize the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department to host the Back to School Health Fairs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 18th day of July 2023, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District