



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING SHARON BYRNE AS THE 2023 MONTECITO ASSOCIATION CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne has been selected as the 2023 Citizen of the Year by the Montecito Association in recognition of the contributions she has made to enhance the quality of life in Montecito; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne took the role of Montecito Association Executive Director in the early aftermath of the 1/9 Debris Flow, coming from the Coast Village Association, where she was also the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne helped the community navigate the rebuilding process, at times serving as a liaison to County representatives and insurance personnel, and played a key role in the messaging of subsequent information and education, including the need for evacuations, during winter weather; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne then helped the Montecito Association navigate a new normal during the COVID-19 pandemic by facilitating remote meetings, sourcing masks and sanitizer, providing critical updates and thorough yet digestible information to the community, and supporting vulnerable community members.; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne has also been instrumental in creating the Hands Across Montecito Project, which has been a keystone project exemplifying the effectiveness of government when partnered with community resources, including countless volunteer hours from Montecito residents trained to do direct outreach to their unsheltered neighbors backed by private funding for hotel rooms and bus tickets to help those unsheltered neighbors get back on their feet or reconnected to family; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Byrne played a key role in informing the Montecito Association board during community projects such as the 101 widening, Randall Road Debris Basin, local building projects, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Sharon Byrne as the recipient of the 2023 Montecito Association Citizen of the Year Award and further commends her for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in service to this community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of November, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board