



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2021
AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, water is California's most precious resource and our quality of life and economic well-being depend on the efficient and prudent management of water resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, the California Legislature passed two bills – Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668 – that, together, implement Executive Order B-37-16 "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" by establishing long-term water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's rainfall for 2021 will be far below normal also causing the State Water Project deliveries to be 5% of its full allocations; and

WHEREAS, continued vigilance of our water supplies remains a priority especially in light of the fact that the County's trailing 10-year rainfall average is at a record low; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara, through the Public Works Department, is coordinating with water purveyors throughout the County to conserve and protect our valuable water resources through a cooperative Regional Water Efficiency Program, and facilitate the securing of additional long-term supplies; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative effort was established over 20 years ago because the efficient use of our local water resources has always been a priority, not just in times of drought and water shortage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors, State of California, proclaims May 2021 as Water Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and encourages all residents to learn more about their water resources and the importance of efficient water use, and to join in supporting local water agencies and organizations in their effort to be "Water Wise in Santa Barbara County."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 4th day of May 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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