



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025

SEARCH AND RESCUE MONTH

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue Team (SBCSAR) is a highly trained, all-volunteer organization operating under the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, with over 60 years of lifesaving service in wilderness, urban, and disaster settings; and

WHEREAS, SBCSAR responds 24/7 to emergencies including lost hikers, injured climbers, missing persons, natural disasters, and community-wide crises such as the 2018 Montecito Debris Flow, often in partnership with local, state, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, team members undergo continuous training in rope rescue, wilderness survival, tracking, navigation, BLS-certified medical aid, UAV operations, and disaster response, maintaining accreditation with the Mountain Rescue Association and supporting initiatives like Project Lifesaver to protect vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the team's mission is supported by two nonprofit organizations: Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue, Inc. (501(c)(3)) provides operational funding, compliance, and oversight, while the Santa Barbara Search and Rescue Foundation raises funds to sustain long-term growth, training, and equipment needs; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of SBCSAR volunteers—on call 365 days a year—has saved countless lives, while their public outreach efforts promote outdoor safety and prevent avoidable rescues throughout the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2025 as Search and Rescue Month and commends the Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue Team for their service, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment to public safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 20th day of May 2025, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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