

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CORE  
PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND THE  
WORK OF ELECTION OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes that the foundation of the United States of America rests firmly upon the principle of the Rule of Law, holding that all persons, institutions, and entities are equally protected by, and accountable to, the law; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara holds sacred its position as elected representatives of the people and its responsibility to respect the will of the voters in the majority who choose their representatives; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara holds that the peaceful transfer of power, established during the inauguration of President Thomas Jefferson in 1801 after his defeat of John Adams and continued without exception for 220 years until the 2020 election, is not merely a venerable tradition but paramount to the survival of democracy and the Republic; and*

*WHEREAS, in a nationwide survey from local election officials of all political affiliations, nearly 1 in 3 election workers know a colleague that has left their job at least in part because of fears for their safety, increased threats, or intimidation as result of political attacks on our election system; and*

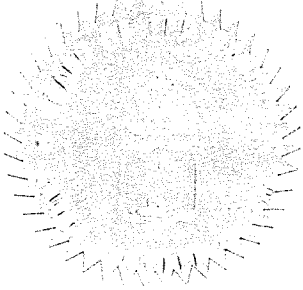
*WHEREAS, that the County of Santa Barbara stands with election officials who are facing threats and intimidation from proponents of the Big Lie and recognize election officials as essential workers who work tirelessly to ensure the voice of the people is heard and we believe that adequate funding to carry out secure and safe elections is essential; and*

*WHEREAS, that the County of Santa Barbara will not tolerate attempts by any elected officials, candidates, special interest groups, or other actors to disregard the will of the voters and override the results of a free and fair election, and will use our platform to fiercely defend our Constitution and our democracy from unlawful insurrection; and*

*WHEREAS, we call on our state and federal representatives to also recognize the January 6, 2021 violent attack on our democracy and the ongoing effort to sabotage our elections and we call for them to prevent the passage of state laws aimed at creating barriers to voting.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors solemnly commits to its constituents that it will recognize the legitimacy of the duly and democratically elected officials of this jurisdiction, the State of California, and the United States of America, regardless of personal preference.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
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Clerk of the Board