

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS
ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has designated October as National Energy Awareness Month to underscore how central energy is to our national prosperity, security, and environmental well-being.

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is critical to Santa Barbara County's prosperity, health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the production and consumption of energy affect our everyday activities and natural resources while offering employment and economic opportunities that contribute to a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a long tradition of environmental stewardship and has implemented many programs that promote responsible and efficient energy use within County government and among its citizens, including emPower Central Coast, Smart Build Santa Barbara (SB2), the Green Business Program, landfill gas collection and conversion, fuel efficient vehicles, and County facility energy management and renewable energy installations; and

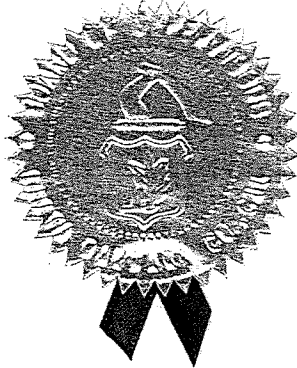
WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has made clean energy a high priority policy issue in recent years and has committed to efforts that support statewide goals to reduce the impact of traditional energy production and consumption on climate change, including the recent adoption of an Energy and Climate Action Plan aimed at lowering greenhouse gas emissions 15% below baseline by the year 2020, and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is also home to many proactive organizations and businesses that work diligently to support local energy awareness and conservation efforts, and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy development can offer employment and economic opportunities while contributing to a sustainable Santa Barbara County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims October as ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH in Santa Barbara County and encourages all citizens to commit to improving energy efficiency and conservation efforts in their homes, schools, businesses and communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th of October, 2016, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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 Clerk of the Board

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