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Clerk of the Board,

The Board of Directors of the Montecito Fire Protection District are submitting this Resolution of support for County Fire provided ambulance service.

This Resolution pertains to the item related to the County Ground Ambulance Contract on the Departmental Agenda for the April 4, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting, please include as part of the record.

Thank you and have a great day.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EXPRESSING THE DISTRICT'S DESIRE THAT THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AWARD THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY GROUND AMBULANCE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE AND RELATED SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND, BY EXTENSION, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Montecito Fire Protection District is statutorily responsible for emergency response to fire, emergency medical services, technical rescue, and hazardous materials incidents within the district's jurisdictional boundary, and

**WHEREAS**, the Montecito Fire Protection District has been providing exemplary service since 1917, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is statutorily responsible for the determining of ground ambulance services in all of Santa Barbara County, including inside the jurisdictional boundaries of the Montecito Fire Protection District, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department provides transparent ambulance services to several communities in Santa Barbara County, and

**WHEREAS**, if given the opportunity to provide ambulance service countywide, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and its partner agency fire departments will have the ability to capably operate 37 fire stations staffed with over 470 highly trained fire service professional employees to improve response time efficiencies and cost savings in strategic alignment with the high expectations of the Montecito community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Chiefs Association unanimously supports assignment of ground ambulance service to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has established a Community Advisory Group consisting of first response providers, labor representatives, educational institutions, hospitals, mental health providers, substance abuse prevention providers, and community members that provide local stakeholders an opportunity to feed vital input into our emergency medical services system, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department would reinvest revenue after expenses into the community, through proactive preventative measures such as community paramedicine and alternative destination programs that address urgent challenges like mental health, substance abuse, and our un-housed community members, and

**WHEREAS**, through a comprehensive approach to ambulance service management, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department will provide faster ambulance on scene times, higher response time compliance percentages, significantly increased transparency, and increase the number of ambulances available throughout the entire county.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montecito Fire Protection District supports enhanced ambulance transport service through a comprehensive, transparent, and accountable approach to service, and advocates that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County award the ground ambulance contract to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

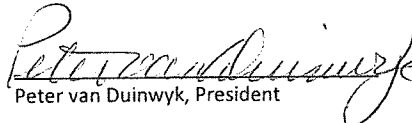
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Montecito Fire Protection District this 27th day of March, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: S. Dougherty, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee, S. Easton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. A. Powell

  
Peter van Duinwyk, President

ATTEST:

Sylvia Easton  
Sylvia Easton, Secretary