



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-26, 2021 AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has 110 miles of pristine coastline that draw residents and visitors throughout the year. All Coastal areas within Santa Barbara County are susceptible to a Tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management works closely with the National Weather Service to ensure Santa Barbara County is TsunamiReady®. The goal of the TsunamiReady® program is to improve public safety before, during, and after tsunami emergencies by establishing a standard level of capability to mitigate, prepare for, and respond to tsunamis and working with communities to help them meet the guidelines and become recognized as TsunamiReady® by the NWS; and

WHEREAS, a tsunami is a series of potentially damaging and fatal ocean waves caused by a large displacement of water from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and underwater seismic activity. People living, visiting, or working in a tsunami hazard area must be aware of the warning signs that indicate potential tsunami activity. Warning signs include a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, or a loud, roaring sound coming from the sea; and

WHEREAS, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately take action by calmly moving inland and to high ground. Individuals in the water at the time of a tsunami and unable to get to high ground should grab onto a nearby floating object. Boaters on the water at the time of a tsunami should face the direction of the waves and head further out to sea; if in a harbor then move inland; and

WHEREAS, all involved should tune into local media to stay informed of the situation once in a safe location. Stay away from the coast including beach cliffs and low-lying areas, including rivers and creeks, until local government officials say it's safe to return, which may take hours; and

WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people must know. **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may later impact the area. **Tsunami Advisory** – A tsunami with the potential to generate strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or very near the water is imminent, expected, or occurring and may continue for several hours. Significant inundation is not expected for areas under an advisory. **Tsunami Warning** – A tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring. Dangerous coastal flooding accompanied by powerful currents is possible and may continue for several hours. Evacuations of identified tsunami inundation areas will be required; and

WHEREAS, the public can access an interactive tsunami inundation map at ReadySBC.org to identify if their property, workplace, and areas of interest are located in the tsunami hazard area. The public is also strongly encouraged to register to receive local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 22-26, 2021 as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 16th day of March 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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