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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day is observed annually on August 26th to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality and the empowerment of all women, regardless of their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or other identities; and

WHEREAS, Gender inequality persists in various forms, including unequal pay, limited access to education and healthcare, underrepresentation in leadership roles, and systemic discrimination, hindering the progress of societies worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that achieving gender equality is not only a matter of human rights, but also crucial for sustainable development, social justice, and global prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Governments, organizations, and individuals have a collective responsibility to work towards eliminating all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence, and to create an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Empowering women and girls involves promoting access to quality education, ensuring economic opportunities, enhancing reproductive health and rights, and eradicating harmful practices and stereotypes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors will commemorate Women's Equality Day, on August 26th, as a national day celebrating the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twenty-second day of August, 2023 by the unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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