



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING )  
OCTOBER 19 – 26, 2019 AS )  
FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK )

# CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, floods can occur in Santa Barbara County in any given year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past two decades, Santa Barbara County has seen rainfall events that result in devastating flooding and debris flows over portions of our community which should serve as a vivid reminder of the flooding threat we face and the need to prepare every year; and

**WHEREAS**, after seven years of severe drought conditions, droughts in California have historically been broken by extreme or above average rain events and flooding, as was the case with this last winter in Santa Barbara County receiving 127% of normal rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Flood Control District prepares for each winter assuming significant flooding could result and each resident should do the same to protect their homes and businesses; and

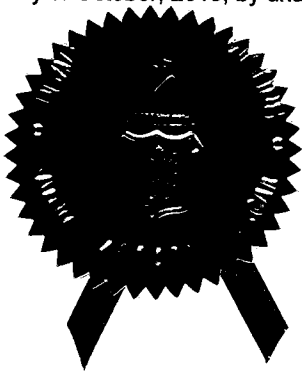
**WHEREAS**, the County makes available for public viewing the flood insurance rate maps that are developed and published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

**WHEREAS**, because of the County's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses which do occur; and

**WHEREAS**, of all the cities and counties in the State of California, residents of unincorporated Santa Barbara County represent one of a few such communities where residents are able to purchase flood insurance at a 20% discount due to the County's Level 6 standing in the Community Rating System (CRS) that credits the County for its maintenance program, emergency response efforts, and floodplain management program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors along with the State of California proclaim the week of October 19-26, 2019 as Flood Preparedness Week and encourage Santa Barbara County residents to also be prepared for the winter and view the exhibits located in the lobbies of the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria and the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monica Reyes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Jack Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District

*Greg Hart*  
Supervisor - 2nd District

*Jon Balle*  
Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District