

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 10, 2019 AS
WORLD HOMELESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County counted 1,803 persons experiencing homelessness during the January 2019 Point In Time Count, and the number of unsheltered persons increased 27% from 2017; and

WHEREAS, 76% of community members experiencing homelessness responded they first became homeless in Santa Barbara County, with 60% of those surveyed having lived in Santa Barbara County 11 or more years; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, World Homeless Day has been observed on every continent except Antarctica, and is commemorated in several dozen countries; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to the needs of persons experiencing homelessness locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness, while taking advantage of the public awareness provided by an 'international day' presents an opportunity to focus community attention on the need for housing and supportive services for a significant part of the County's residents; and

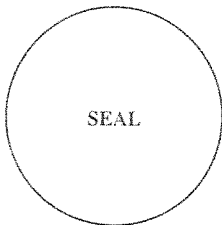
WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County commends the dedicated and trusted group of agencies, organizations, and individuals who work tirelessly to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care has assessed over 1,600 families and individuals in need of housing through a community-wide network of homeless services and housing resources while streamlining, standardizing, and coordinating the homeless intake, assessment, and referral processes; and

WHEREAS, there are significant steps everyone can take to reduce the incidence of homelessness, such as educating people about homelessness issues, celebrating and supporting local good works, highlighting local issues, donating to local service providers, volunteering to help, thanking volunteers with certificates and awards, inviting a guest speaker to your next social gathering, hosting a fundraiser, Tweeting #worldhomelessday @homelessday, and supporting the development of additional Permanent Supportive Housing throughout Santa Barbara County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby proclaim October 10, 2019 as World Homeless Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8th day of October, 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District

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Clerk of the Board