

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2024
AS COMMUNITY'S 2-1-1 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 HelpLine is an information and referral system connecting people to free or low-cost health and human services and up-to-date incident and emergency-related information through call, text, and the web; and

WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 information and referral program was first enacted by the Federal Communication Commission in 2000 and now covers 85% of all households nationwide; and

WHEREAS, 96 % of the population in the State of California has access to 2-1-1; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Santa Barbara County was first implemented in 2005 and is a free and confidential service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in 150 languages to every resident countywide; and

WHEREAS, In November 2014, almost ten years ago, 2-1-1 became a program of CommUnify, a Santa Barbara County nonprofit which empowers people and transforms lives through their 16 programs which serve the community; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 2-1-1 had more than 66,123 web visits including 31,892 new users to 211santabarbaracounty.org, with over 12,000 of those visits regarding Covid-19 assistance; and

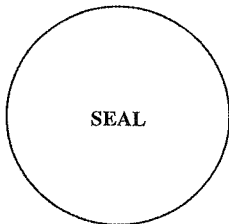
WHEREAS, In 2022, approximately 3,000 resources were provided to residents throughout the County by a live call specialist; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the most urgent resident needs included calls about Housing, Financial Assistance, Pandemic Information, Mental Health, and Food Insecurity; and

WHEREAS, CommUnify's Energy Services will be hosting the free 2-1-1 Community Day Celebration on Saturday, February 10, 11am-3pm at the Minami Center in Santa Maria with over 50 nonprofit agencies, free health screenings and vaccines, children's activities, food, entertainment and more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim February 2024 as 2-1-1 Community Celebration Month, and acknowledges CommUnify's 10 years of serving the residents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6th day of February 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board