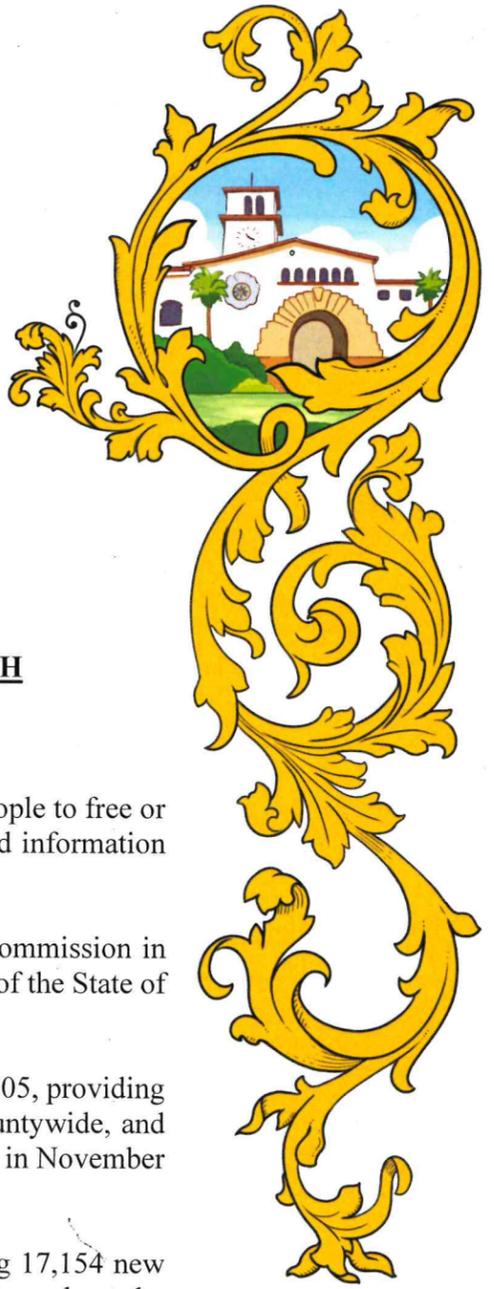


Santa Barbara County of



RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026
AS COMMUNIFY'S 211 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the 211 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 via call, text, and web-based platforms; and

WHEREAS, the 211 program was established by the Federal Communication Commission in 2000 and now covers 85% of all households nationwide, with 96% of the residents of the State of California having access to 211 services; and

WHEREAS, the 211 program has been available in Santa Barbara County since 2005, providing 24-hour free and confidential service in more than 150 languages to residents countywide, and became a program of CommUnify, a Santa Barbara County nonprofit organization, in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the 211 program recorded over 22,400 web visits, including 17,154 new users to 211SBCO.org, and provided approximately 10,000 referrals to residents throughout the County through live call specialists, addressing urgent needs such as housing, mental health, utility assistance, family and community support services, and legal and public safety services; and

WHEREAS, CommUnify's Energy Services and Head Start programs will be hosting the free 211 Community Day Celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dick DeWees Community Center in Lompoc with over 50 nonprofit agencies, free health screenings and vaccines, children's activities, food, entertainment, and additional community resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim February 2026 as "211 Community Celebration Month" and acknowledge CommUnify's years of serving the residents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3rd day of February, 2026, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Nizasato
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

Ray Lu
Supervisor - 1st District

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Joan Hartman
Supervisor - 3rd District

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