



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2015**  
**AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN**  
**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY** )  
**CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS**, water is California's most precious resource and our quality of life and economic well-being depend on the efficient and prudent management of water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, California and Santa Barbara County are in the fourth consecutive year of extremely dry conditions and on January 17, 2014, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency, and on April 25, 2014 proclaimed a Continued State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors declared a drought emergency on January 21, 2014, with continued proclamations monthly since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-29-15 requiring mandatory water use reduction of at least 25% as compared to 2013 levels for urban users throughout California and established other policies and incentives to reduce water use; and

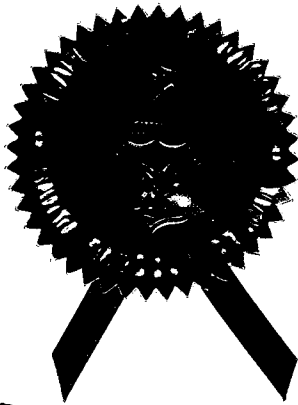
**WHEREAS**, over the trailing four years, Santa Barbara County rainfall has set a record for the lowest four year average rainfall at key rain gages that have rainfall record dating back a hundred years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara, through the Public Works Department, is working cooperatively to conserve and protect our valuable water resources with water purveyors throughout the county and facilitate securing additional supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative effort was established decades ago because the efficient use of our local water resources is always a priority, not just in times of drought.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED** that the County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors, State of California, proclaims May 2015 as Water Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and urges all residents learn more about their water resources and the importance of wise water use and to join in supporting local water agencies and organizations in their effort to be "Water Wise in Santa Barbara County".

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this May 5, 2015, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monroe Hays*  
 Clerk of the Board

*Siobhan*  
 Supervisor - 1st District  
*Janet Way*  
 Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Sharon Lane*  
 Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Kiti Kaku*  
 Supervisor - 4th District  
*Stacy*  
 Supervisor - 5th District

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