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RESOLUTION NO. 24-29

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2024 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as Women's History Month and International Women's Day is on March 8, 2024.

WHEREAS, the month and day are a global celebration of the economic, cultural, social, and political achievements of women; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and highlight the invaluable contributions and triumphs women have made in our community; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara wishes to uphold the achievements, educate on the challenges, and provide more exposure to the rights of women and gender equality and equity; and

WHEREAS, the gender gap in power and leadership remains entrenched, both locally and globally. An additional \$360 billion per year is needed to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment across key global goals and 54% of countries still lack laws in all key areas of gender equality; and

WHEREAS, Women's Economic Ventures is a champion of empowering women, dedicated to uplifting and supporting historically marginalized communities to identify and address barriers to achieving economic success; and

WHEREAS, in the last 5 years, WEV has assisted 2,100 local women entrepreneurs and their businesses, creating 6,000 jobs fueling the local economy, equipping women with the tools and education to launch and grow a thriving business, and setting the bar for what is possible for women to accomplish in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March Women's History Month and March 8th as International Women's Day, and is especially grateful to Women's Economic Ventures who so boldly lift up and empower the women of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of March, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.