



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTERS THROUGHOUT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WHO MOBILIZED TO ASSIST IN THE 2025 LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE FEDERAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, from January 7 to 31, 2025, 14 wildfires swept through the Los Angeles and San Diego areas, fueled by low humidity and Santa Ana winds sometimes reaching 100 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, these fires caused at least 30 deaths, forced 200,000 evacuations, and destroyed over 18,000 structures across 57,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to this unprecedented crisis, the Los Angeles County and City Fire Departments urgently called for mutual aid and Santa Barbara County first responders answered that call, deploying 97 firefighters from eight fire departments, including: Vandenberg Space Force Base, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Carpinteria-Summerland, Montecito, Santa Barbara City, and Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, these brave men and women risked their lives to battle the wildfires, protect homes, and ensure the safety of countless residents, demonstrating extraordinary dedication, skill, and resilience in the face of one of the most destructive fire emergencies in California history; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara deeply appreciates their sacrifice and extends gratitude to the families of our first responders, who also sacrifice when duty calls for their loved ones.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED THAT** this Board of Supervisor of the County of Santa Barbara proclaims its recognition and appreciation for the tireless efforts, courage, and heroism of the firefighters of Santa Barbara County in responding to the 2025 Los Angeles Wildfire Federal Emergency, safeguarding lives, and protecting communities in a time of great need.

**Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.**



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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