

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING HIS HOLINESS
THE DALAI LAMA'S 88TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, Californians, including Tibetan Americans, residing in Santa Barbara County and the surrounding regions celebrated the 85th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a diverse ethnic population, including Tibetan Americans, who regard the Dalai Lama as an international advocate for peace; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2007, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and religious understanding; and

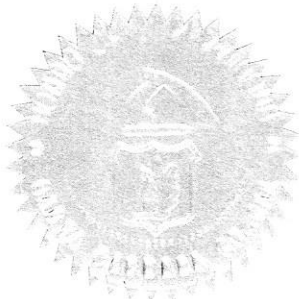
WHEREAS, The United States Congress Passed a resolution in 2015 commending His Holiness the Dalai Lama for using moral authority to promote the concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet for how human beings should treat one another and the planet; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate passed a resolution in April 2018 affirming its support for the Tibetan peoples' fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination and the protection of their distinct religious, cultural, linguistic, and national identity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara affirms the determination of the Tibetan people to retain and protect their heritage through non-violent peaceful means and supports His Holiness the Dalai Lama's commitments to promoting human values, religious harmony and understanding, and the preservation of the Tibetan Buddhist culture of compassion and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 88th birthday and recognizes July 6th, 2023 as "Compassion Day."

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 11th day of July, 2023.



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