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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, in which six million Ashkenazy and Sephardic Jews were murdered (among which were one and a half million children); and Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including LGBTQ+ individuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, journalists, and judges, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress has long honored the fact that the armies of the United States were the primary discoverers of the locations used for extermination, the records of the systematic genocide, and the few survivors; and*

*WHEREAS, the historians, the United States Congress, and the courts generally recognize the Holocaust as an occurrence, not only of European history, but also of the history of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, of those few survivors of the Holocaust, many subsequently immigrated to the United States, and they and their descendants now form an integral, valued part of our society; and*

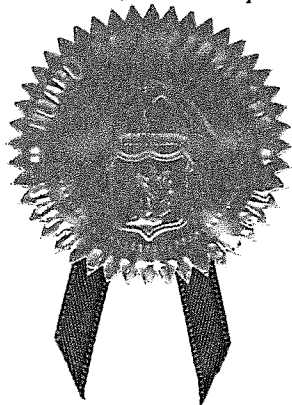
*WHEREAS, notwithstanding these well-recognized historical truths, there are those in contemporary society, in the United States and the world, who, for purposes of sowing hatred, disruption, and division, and to justify continuing discrimination - not only against Jews, but also against other minority populations and peoples - persist in denying them; and*

*WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, as it is the moral responsibility of every American government agency and every citizen to not only remember history, but to stand together with vulnerable populations and against distortion and denial; to model not only tolerance, but also acceptance; and to educate future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly's unanimously-adopted resolution designating January 27<sup>th</sup> as Holocaust Remembrance Day;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors declares January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Santa Barbara County.

**PASSED and adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of February, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Nizgats*  
Chair

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Supervisor - 1st District

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