



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 27-31, 2023 AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has 110 miles of pristine coastline that draw residents and visitors throughout the year. All Coastal areas within Santa Barbara County are susceptible to a Tsunami; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management works with partners to ensure Santa Barbara County is certified as TsunamiReady®; and*

*WHEREAS, a tsunami is a series of potentially damaging and fatal ocean waves caused by a large displacement of water from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and underwater seismic activity. People living, visiting, or working in a tsunami hazard area must be aware of the warning signs that indicate potential tsunami activity including a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, or a loud, roaring sound coming from the sea; and*

*WHEREAS, beachgoers should pay special attention to tsunami signage including recently installed tsunami evacuation kiosks at beach front County and State Parks; and*

*WHEREAS, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately act by calmly moving inland, to high ground. Individuals in the water at the time of a tsunami and unable to get to high ground should grab onto a nearby floating object. Boaters on the water at the time of a tsunami should face the direction of the waves and head further out to sea; boaters in harbor should disembark and move inland; and*

*WHEREAS, all involved should tune into local media to stay informed once in a safe location. Stay away from the coast including beach cliffs and low-lying areas, including rivers and creeks, until officials say it's safe to return; and*

*WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people must know. **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may later impact the area. **Tsunami Advisory** – A tsunami with the potential to generate strong currents or waves is imminent, expected, or occurring. **Tsunami Warning** – A tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring. Evacuations of identified tsunami inundation areas will be required; and*

*WHEREAS, the public can access an updated interactive tsunami inundation map at ReadySBC.org. The public is also encouraged to register to receive local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 27-31, 2023 as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 21st day of March 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

*Mona Dreyfuss*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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