



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-30, 2025, AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has 110 miles of pristine coastline that attract residents and visitors throughout the year. All coastal areas within Santa Barbara County are susceptible to a tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the public can access an interactive tsunami inundation map at ReadySBC.org. The public is encouraged to register for local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org 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 tsunami evacuation kiosks at beachfront County and State Parks; and

WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people must know. **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may 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, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately act by calmly moving inland to high ground. Individuals in the water during a tsunami, that are unable to exit and get to high ground, should grab onto a nearby floating object.; and

WHEREAS, all involved should stay informed through reliable sources of information. 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, the community is invited to join the Office of Emergency Management and County Parks Division for a Tsunami Walk on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 8am at Guadalupe Beach and Goleta Beach and at 11am at Jalama Beach and Arroyo Burro Beach;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 22-30, 2025, as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of March 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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