



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

*WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a life of exemplary courage, selflessness, and personal integrity and was a leader of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1955, Dr. King was elected by the local chapter of the Montgomery, Alabama NAACP to lead a boycott of the citywide bus system to protest the discriminatory policies that African American citizens endured, which led to the arrest of Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat. Dr. King's successful adherence to non-violent protest in Montgomery was the foundation for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1967, Dr. King delivered a speech to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in which he illuminated the need for love and compassion. Dr. King articulated the importance of "strong, demanding love," while admonishing the damaging power of hatred when he proclaimed, "I have decided to stick with love...hate is too great a burden to bear,"; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme for the 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance is "Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence365," reflecting Dr. King's unwavering dedication to justice and equality through nonviolent action.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and encourages all residents to participate in the scheduled community events.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 14th day of January, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*Maria Niyasato*  
Clerk of the Board

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