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<u>RESOLUTION HONORING MOTHERS' HELPERS</u> FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mothers' Helpers – a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit founded in 2009 by parents and for parents – provides critical support to low-income families by supplying essential baby items ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and no parent faces the journey alone; and

WHEREAS, the organization's Everyday Essentials Program serves over 600 families annually throughout Santa Barbara County by collecting and distributing hundreds of new and gently-used items each month; and

WHEREAS, Mothers' Helpers relies on an inspiring network of volunteers who sort, organize, and match donations to specific families, ensuring that the right items reach the right households at the right time, reflecting the nonprofit's deep commitment to dignity, community, and family wellness; and

WHEREAS, beyond its immediate impact on individual families, the organization promotes environmental sustainability by repurposing quality baby goods that would otherwise go to waste, keeping items out of local landfills and fostering a culture of generosity and resourcefulness within the community; and

WHEREAS, sparked by one mother's call for help and another's compassionate response, Mothers' Helpers has become a lasting symbol of what community can achieve when it comes together to support one another, offering not just tangible aid but also empathy, solidarity, and hope to hundreds of women, infants, children and parents each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby acknowledge Mothers' Helpers for its exceptional service to Santa Barbara County and its enduring impact on mothers, families, volunteers, and the broader community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 6th day of May, 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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