

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2020
AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since 9/11, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Santa Barbara County to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced the 2020 National Preparedness Month theme of "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." and

WHEREAS, planning now, before a disaster, is the best way to improve community recovery from disasters; when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management, as well as partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies, are tasked with promoting and supporting emergency preparedness to educate individuals on local hazards and how to prepare for them; and

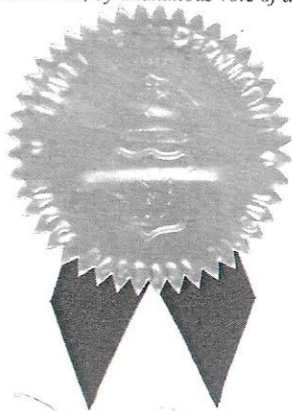
WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management informs individuals on how to take action, through its Ready Santa Barbara County website (www.ReadySBC.org) and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, this month as our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, all residents of Santa Barbara County are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and friends to also do so by participating in virtual neighborhood preparedness activities, registering their contact information at www.ReadySBC.org to receive local alerts, and purchasing or refreshing their emergency kits with essential items; and

WHEREAS, while we cannot always know when the next disaster or emergency will confront us, we must remain ready; together, we can ensure that we have the information and resources needed to safeguard our communities from a crisis or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, as National Preparedness Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Santa Barbara County to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a stronger and more resilient community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of September 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Sharon Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

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