

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

AND HONORING MOVE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Bike Month has been celebrated in May for over five decades and the bicycle is a sustainable and ecofriendly mode of transportation, as well as an enjoyable recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, community members will partake in various bicycling activities throughout the May, including educational programs, races, commuting events, trail maintenance efforts, helmet advocacy, charitable initiatives, and leisurely rides; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's scenic beauty and diverse terrain attract numerous cyclists each year, contributing to the local economy and promoting health and wellness among residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, supporting a bicycle-friendly community fosters improved public health, community cohesion, and road safety, reduces pollution and traffic congestion, and provides alternative methods of transportation for those who do not have access to a car or do not drive; and

WHEREAS, MOVE Santa Barbara County teaches nearly 5,000 youth annually how to ride and safety skills, contributing to the promotion of bicycle safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, various organizations within Santa Barbara County, including MOVE Santa Barbara County, are dedicated to promoting bicycle safety and awareness during the month of May and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has recognized the importance of bicycling by designating May as Bike Month and endorsing the third week of May as Bike to Work Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2024 AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH in Santa Barbara County and recognizes and celebrates MOVE Santa Barbara County for its work in promoting bicycle safety and awareness, particularly for its efforts in teaching approximately 5,000 youth annually how to ride and providing them with essential safety skills and ensures equitable access to safe transportation options for all residents during National Bike Month and beyond.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th Day of May, 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District