



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 19, 2023 AS ELECTRIC ASSISTED BIKE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

*Whereas, many people, young and old are discovering the joys of riding an electric assisted bicycle (e-bike for short); and*

*Whereas, there are many benefits of e-bikes including that they can help to cover longer riding distances, climb steeper terrain, and travel at higher speeds, enabling users to travel by bike instead of car thereby helping to encourage physical activity, and reduce traffic congestion and pollution; and*

*Whereas, studies show that bicyclist safety typically increases when there are more bicyclists on the road, however, a rapid increase in less experienced, higher speed bicyclists can result in more collisions with pedestrians and other road users, leading to injury and sometimes even death; and*

*Whereas, in an effort to improve public safety, the State of California has passed e-bike safety laws that regulate who and where each type of e-bike can lawfully be ridden and that riders 17 years of age and under must always wear a helmet; and*

*Whereas, e-bikes can bring joy and a sense of freedom, but that no matter what type of bike you ride, some collisions can be avoided by practicing common sense safety including:*

1. *Checking your battery, brakes, chain, and tire pressure before you ride;*
2. *Wearing a helmet and visible clothing whether you are a rider or passenger;*
3. *Watching your speed by riding slowly and respectfully on multi-use paths or where pedestrians are present;*
4. *Avoiding riding unpredictably and using hand signals and keeping eye contact to communicate your movements with other vehicles;*
5. *Avoiding texting, talking on the phone, or listening to loud music while riding; and*
6. *Obeying traffic signs, signals, and roadway laws just as cars are required to.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims Thursday, January 19, 2023 as e-bike Safety Awareness Day and encourages residents to learn more about this emerging popular activity. Residents can test ride e-bikes, learn more safety tips, and enter to win an e-bike and other great prizes on this day from 5pm to 8pm on the State Street Promenade at De La Guerra Street in downtown Santa Barbara.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of January, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

*Pat Williams*  
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