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County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION NO. 25-253

RESOLUTION *HONORING THE IMPACT OF 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA HEALTH DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the County Health Department with the initial purpose in 1925 of being "engaged in the prevention of disease and the promotion of public health among the people of the rural areas of Santa Barbara County;" and

WHEREAS, during the 1950s polio epidemic, County Health mobilized school-based vaccination programs that protected thousands of children and families and demonstrated the life-saving power of community vaccination campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill highlighted the deep links between environmental protection and public health, strengthening the County's commitment to safeguarding a clean environment essential to community well-being; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 County Health established the Healthcare for the Homeless program that grew to 5 Health Centers providing access to primary care, preventive services, behavioral health integration, and essential support to all families across Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st century, County Health has continued to be leaders during public health emergencies, including the 2017 Thomas Fire subsequentially leading to the Montecito debris flow, and COVID-19 pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby honors the Centennial Anniversary for County Health and acknowledges the invaluable contributions of public health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9th day of December, 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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