RESOLUTION NO. 25-47



## RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2025 AS

## TAX SEASON IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Whereas, every year, dozens of trained accountants volunteer their time to help low-income community members with their tax preparation;

Whereas, United Way of Santa Barbara County Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program (VITA) provides outstanding services to ensure that taxpayers, especially those lowest paid workers, understand tax laws and can file their taxes accurately and receive any credits they have carned without paying commercial third-party vendors, many of whom charge outlandish prices;

Whereas, VITA volunteers donate their invaluable time and expertise to promoting financial literacy and empowerment within communities by educating taxpayers about tax laws, deductions, and credits;

Whereas, VITA volunteers serve as valuable advocates for low-income populations, providing equitable access to tax assistance and promoting policies that foster economic justice and inclusion;

Whereas, VITA volunteers contribute to the economic well-being of communities by helping taxpayers access critical financial resources, such as Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits, which can have a profound impact on household economic stability and prosperity;

Whereas, United Way of Santa Barbara County will host a Mega Tax Day on Saturday, April 12th at Franklin Elementary School, offering free tax filings and other community resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Barbara County recognizes and recognizes the month of April 2025 as Tax Season and acknowledges and appreciates the invaluable contributions of Volunteer Income Tax Preparers to our communities

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of April, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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