

***Resolution Declaring the month of December 2024
as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in Santa Barbara County***

WHEREAS, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring road safety by preventing impaired driving and increasing awareness about the dangers of driving while under the influence; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024, Santa Barbara County experienced 283 alcohol-related crashes, resulting in 17 fatalities and 344 injuries; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2024 alone, 134 alcohol-impaired driving incidents in Santa Barbara County led to one fatality and 24 serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the physical, mental, and emotional consequences of driving under the influence can be devastating, leading to injury, loss of life, and lasting impacts on victims and families; and

WHEREAS, December is recognized as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month because it is one of the most dangerous months for driving around the holidays, and in December 2023, 29 DUI-related collisions in Santa Barbara County resulted in four fatalities and 33 injuries; and

WHEREAS, the goal of recognizing National Impaired Driving Prevention Month is to educate drivers on preventing themselves and others from driving impaired, and to raise awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence of any alcohol or substances throughout the month of December.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares the month of December 2024 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in Santa Barbara County and recognizes Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their efforts to reduce impaired driving.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3rd day of December 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.