



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTECITO EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY ACTION GROUP (MERRAG)

WHEREAS, the Montecito Emergency Response & Recovery Action Group (MERRAG) became a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit public benefit corporation, sponsored by the three Special Districts in Montecito – the Montecito Fire Protection District, Montecito Sanitary District and Montecito Water District; and

WHEREAS, prior to their formation as a 501(c)(3), MERRAG served the community since 1987 as a mutual “self-help” organization under the guidance of the three Special Districts; and

WHEREAS, MERRAG utilizes the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum to create a network of trained volunteers who work and live the Montecito area and are prepared to respond to a community disaster during the critical first 72 hours following an event; and

WHEREAS, MERRAG supports the three Special Districts in its response to life threatening situations, coordinate support activities with outside emergency services, maintain a reliable private radio network and pager communication system, assist with community damage assessment, and muster and organize local resources; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a community emergency, MERRAG co-operates the fire department’s District Operations Center with staffing, supplementary radio communications, and field support including triage, traffic management, and damage assessment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the Montecito Emergency Response & Recovery Action Group (MERRAG) on its 30th anniversary as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit public benefit corporation.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of September 2023.



Monique Sato
Clerk of the Board

ATTEST:

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