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## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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*

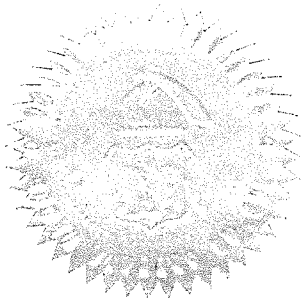
*WHEREAS, MERRAG utilizes the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum to create a network of trained volunteers who work and live the Montecito area and are prepared to respond to a community disaster during the critical first 72 hours following an event; and*

*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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*



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ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
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Clerk of the Board