



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

*WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, is a dedicated opportunity for community members in Santa Barbara County to join persons across the United States in preparing for all emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced the 2023 National Preparedness Month theme of "Preparing for Older Adults"; and*

*WHEREAS, as a community, it is critical to ensure older adults are connected to trusted sources of information and resources to ensure their preparedness in the face of emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management, and its partners are tasked with promoting and supporting emergency preparedness to educate individuals on local hazards and how to prepare for them; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management uplifts diversity, equity, and inclusion through all aspects of preparedness, response, and recovery including in public education and emergency information; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to several community-based preparedness and response teams, comprised of volunteers who have selflessly undergone hours of training to help our communities be more resilient; and*

*WHEREAS, this month, the County Office of Emergency Management urges all residents to plan for disasters, by participating in neighborhood preparedness activities, registering their contact information at [www.ReadySBC.org](http://www.ReadySBC.org) to receive local alerts, and purchasing or refreshing their emergency kits with essential items; and*

*WHEREAS, while we cannot always know when the next disaster or emergency will confront us, we must remain ready; together, we can ensure that we have the information and resources needed to safeguard our communities from a crisis or disaster.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2023, as National Preparedness Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Santa Barbara County to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a stronger and more resilient community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 29th day of August 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

*Monica Reyes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Paul Hines*

Supervisor - 1st District

*Lak Carr*

Supervisor - 2nd District

*Tom Winters*

Supervisor - 3rd District

*Bob Weber*

Supervisor - 4th District

*Greg Swain*

Supervisor - 5th District