



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2022 AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a time to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about women's equality, advocate for accelerated gender parity, and fundraise for female-focused charities; and

WHEREAS, women make up 51.1 percent of the population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, women actively participate in all aspects of our society, including our democratic institutions including serving as elected representatives in the U.S. Congress, governors, judges, county supervisors, mayors, city councilmembers, school board members, and other essential public offices; and

WHEREAS, women residents of Santa Barbara County and throughout the world have an important role in our local and international economies and workforce, despite the fact that, in the U.S., women earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, and the gap is much wider for most women of color; and

WHEREAS, across the globe, many women and girls still face discrimination on the basis of sex and gender; and

WHEREAS, in 1911, International Women's Day was honored for the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland to advance women's rights, including the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8th as an official UN holiday for women's rights and world peace; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 100 years after the first International Women's Day, President Barack Obama proclaimed March to be "Women's History Month", calling on Americans to mark the time by reflecting on "the extraordinary accomplishments of women" in shaping the country's history; and

WHEREAS, the theme for International Women's Day in 2022 is **#BreakTheBias**, focusing on eliminating biases, whether deliberate or unconscious, against women, which can make it difficult for women to move ahead; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara celebrates women here and throughout the world and their contributions to all aspects of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 8, 2022 as International Women's Day in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to celebrate women and recognize them as equal members and contributors to our society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of March 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Conchita Sparto
Clerk of the Board

ATTEST:

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| <i>Pat Wilkins</i> | Supervisor - 1st District |
| <i>Greg Ford</i> | Supervisor - 2nd District |
| <i>Joe Hahn</i> | Supervisor - 3rd District |
| <i>Bob Johnson</i> | Supervisor - 4th District |
| <i>Stacy Johnson</i> | Supervisor - 5th District |