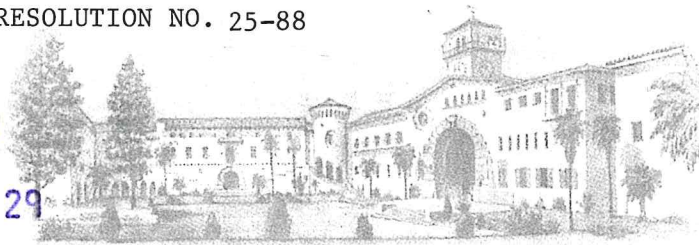


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025
AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, water is California's most precious resource and our quality of life and economic well-being depends on the efficient and prudent management of water resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668 that, together, implement Executive Order B-37-16 "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" by establishing long-term improvements in water conservation and drought planning; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2023, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors terminated the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions that had been ratified since July 8th, 2021, while acknowledging recurring droughts in Santa Barbara County are more likely with the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in Water Years 2023 and 2024, Santa Barbara County experienced above-average rainfall, but our current Water Year is only 48% normal-to-date and is consistent with the projection that annual rainfall in California and Santa Barbara County is increasingly more variable, with a higher risk of both extended droughts and extreme floods; and

WHEREAS, for the last 30 years the County of Santa Barbara, through the Public Works Department, has coordinated with water purveyors throughout the County to conserve and protect our valuable water resources through the Regional Water Efficiency Program, and facilitates the securing of additional long-term supplies because the efficient use of our local water resources has always been a priority, not just in times of drought and water shortage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors, State of California, proclaims May 2025 as Water Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and encourages all residents to learn about their water resources and the importance of efficient water use, and to join in supporting local water agencies and organizations in their effort to be "Water-wise in Santa Barbara County," rain or shine.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 6th day of May 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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