



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MAY 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2019
DROWNING PREVENTION AWARENESS SEASON
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the beautiful beaches, lakes, and swimming pools of Santa Barbara County provide residents and visitors world renowned access to healthy outdoor and water related activities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is an EMS for Children County and drowning is a leading cause of injury-related deaths among California children ages four and under; and

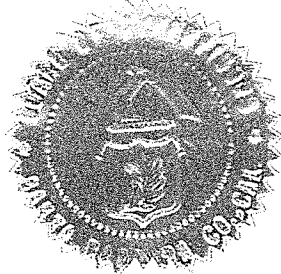
WHEREAS, adult and child survivors of near-drowning accidents often suffer permanent brain damage and require lifelong assistance with their disabilities, currently the California Department of Developmental Services provides services to over 700 survivors of near-drowning accidents; and

WHEREAS, preventing drowning is critical to keeping the residents and visitors of Santa Barbara County safe, everyone is encouraged to learn the basics of swimming and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), children should have constant supervision when they are near water (including bathtubs), and life jackets should always be used when boating; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency and Santa Barbara County Parks Division, in collaboration with community partners and Safe Kids Santa Barbara County, will be taking this opportunity to increase drowning prevention awareness through diverse community outreach including hands-only CPR training, water safety events, and distribution of reduced cost or free life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2019 - September 2019, as Drowning Prevention Awareness Season in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twentieth day of August 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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