



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MARCH 10th TIBET DAY IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, sixty-five years ago, Tibetans took a stand, together, for the freedom of their homeland. The people of the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, fearing for the life of the Dalai Lama, surrounded his residence, organized a guard, and called for the withdrawal of Chinese forces from Tibet and the restoration of Tibet's freedom; and

WHEREAS, Chinese statistics estimate 87,000 Tibetans were killed, arrested, or deported to labor camps during the suppression of the 1959 uprising, which also led to the forced exile of the Dalai Lama and tens of thousands of other Tibetans; and

WHEREAS, today, sixty-five years later, the Government of the People's Republic of China remains engaged in the severe repression of Tibet's unique religious, cultural, and linguistic heritage, and is engaged in gross violations of human rights in Tibet, including extrajudicial detentions, disappearances, and torture; and

WHEREAS, the Tibetan people have not given up their struggle for fundamental human rights and freedoms. Tibetans today are still striving to gain their freedoms back to practice and preserve their national identity as they remain under China's communist rule; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Friends of Tibet and Santa Barbara Summit for Tibet are two of many international groups working together for this same goal. We stand by the Tibetan people, who have long been our unwavering friends. By displaying the Tibetan flag one day a year that symbolizes our support of human rights in China and world-wide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares March 10th, 2024 as Tibet Day in Santa Barbara County and authorizes the Department of General Services to fly the Tibetan Flag on March 7th - 10th, 2024 at the Santa Barbara County Administration Building.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of March, 2024 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

Joe Hill
Supervisor - 1st District

Frank Carr
Supervisor - 2nd District

Don Burt
Supervisor - 3rd District

Bob Weber
Supervisor - 4th District

Ed Sawyer
Supervisor - 5th District