

COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Recognizing the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in 1992 to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara County has the second highest rate of poverty in the state of California, with many individuals and families struggling to meet basic needs such as housing, food, and healthcare, highlighting the urgent need for local action to address economic inequality; and

Whereas, poverty is interconnected with social issues such as hunger, homelessness, lack of access to clean water and sanitation, inequality, and climate change, requiring a comprehensive, inclusive approach to eradicate it; and

Whereas, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty highlights the voices of those living in poverty and encourages people worldwide to advocate for policies and actions that address root causes and uplift communities; and

Whereas, local organizations such as CommUnify and United Way of Santa Barbara County are dedicated to reducing poverty in the region through a range of services, programs, and community-driven initiatives that provide resources and support to those in need;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes October 17th as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and reaffirms its commitment to promoting policies and actions that contribute to poverty reduction, social justice

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of October, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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