

COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN'S EQUALIITY DAY

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified, granting women the constitutional right to vote after decades of activism and advocacy led by courageous and determined women; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day is recognized annually on August 26th to commemorate this historic victory and to celebrate the continued work toward full equality and participation for all women in American society; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the significant social, political, cultural, and economic contributions of women throughout history and in the present day, and reaffirms its commitment to promoting equity, justice, and opportunity for all women and girls in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, despite the progress that has been made, women—especially women of color, LGBTQ+ women, immigrant women, and women with disabilities—continue to face systemic barriers to equality in education, employment, healthcare, leadership, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara values diversity and inclusion, and is committed to addressing gender-based disparities, supporting leadership opportunities for women, and protecting the rights of women to live free from discrimination, violence, and bias in recognizing that Women's Equality Day serves not only as a commemoration of past victories but also as a call to action to continue striving toward a more just and equitable society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge August 26th as Women's Equality Day, and encourages all residents to reflect on the achievements of women, acknowledge the work that remains, and commit to advancing equity and justice for all women and girls in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 26th day of August, 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Manahinasah
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District