

RESOLUTION nO. 24-48

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
MARCH 24-30, 2024 AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS
WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has 110 miles of pristine coastline that draw residents and visitors throughout the year. All Coastal areas within Santa Barbara County are susceptible to a Tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management works with partners to ensure Santa Barbara County is certified as TsunamiReady®; and

WHEREAS, a tsunami is a series of potentially damaging and fatal ocean waves caused by a large displacement of water from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and underwater seismic activity. People living, visiting, or working in a tsunami hazard area must be aware of the warning signs that indicate potential tsunami activity including a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, or a loud, roaring sound coming from the sea; and

WHEREAS, beachgoers should pay special attention to tsunami signage including tsunami evacuation kiosks at beachfront County and State Parks; and.

WHEREAS, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately act by calmly moving inland, to high ground. Individuals in the water at the time of a tsunami and unable to get to high ground should grab onto a nearby floating object. Boaters on the water at the time of a tsunami should face the direction of the waves and head further out to sea; boaters in the harbor should disembark and move inland; and

WHEREAS, all involved should tune into local media to stay informed once in a safe location. Stay away from the coast including beach cliffs and low-lying areas, including rivers and creeks, until officials say it's safe to return; and

*WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people must know. **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may later impact the area. **Tsunami Advisory** – A tsunami with the potential to generate strong currents or waves is imminent, expected, or occurring. **Tsunami Warning** – A tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring. Evacuations of identified tsunami inundation areas will be required; and*

WHEREAS, the public can access an updated interactive tsunami inundation map at ReadySBC.org. The public is also encouraged to register to receive local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 24-30, 2023 as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of March 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.