

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING  
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY  
REFUGIO BEACH OIL SPILL**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2015 an onshore pipeline on the Gaviota Coast ruptured and released oil and potentially other hazardous substances into the Pacific Ocean. The size of the spill is estimated to be up to 2500 barrels (105,000 gallons). The release extends for nine miles along the Gaviota Coast. This event has been named the Refugio Beach Oil Spill.

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County, caused by the Refugio Beach Oil Spill; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2015, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within Santa Barbara County as a result of the Refugio Beach Oil Spill. The Board of Supervisors was not in session at that time. A copy of the “Proclamation of Local Emergency by Director of Emergency Services” is attached; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2015, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to assist the response to the Refugio Beach Oil Spill; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency with regards to the Refugio Beach Oil Spill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Refugio Beach Oil Spill continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by the Refugio Beach Oil Spill shall remain in place; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Local Emergency Caused by the Refugio Beach Oil Spill will be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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**Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHIEF  
RYAN ROCKABRAND  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By \_\_\_\_\_