

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CHANNEL ISLANDS
BIOSPHERE REGION AND COMMITTING TO
CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Channel Islands Biosphere Region – which includes the Channel Islands National Park, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and nearby coastal communities – is recognized as a Biosphere Reserve under the UNESCO “Man and the Biosphere” (MAB) Programme due to its exceptional ecological, cultural, and historical significance; and

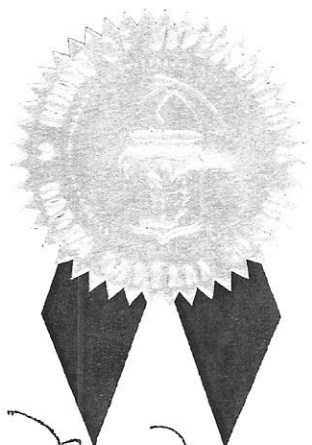
WHEREAS, the designation of the Channel Islands as a Biosphere Region highlights the need for collaboration in service of conservation and sustainability, thereby fostering research, education, and dialogue among scientists, local community members, policymakers, economic stakeholders, and other public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, working together to manage the Channel Islands Biosphere Region is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems the economic and recreational benefits it offers residents of Santa Barbara County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MAB Programme provides more opportunities to tackle local and global issues like climate change, food and water security, loss of biodiversity, and rapid urban development, while finding solutions through teamwork and scientific approaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara supports the Channel Islands Biosphere Region’s preservation and sustainable development and recognizes its important role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of its natural and cultural heritage and economic vitality for current and future generation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15th day of October 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

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