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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATION OF THE CHUMASH HERITAGE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

*WHEREAS, in 2015, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council submitted a nomination for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and*

*WHEREAS, this is an important Indigenous-led national marine sanctuary nomination; and*

*WHEREAS, the CHNMS would protect Chumash sacred sites and preserve the heritage of Chumash Peoples who have resided in this area since time immemorial; and*

*WHEREAS, the CHNMS nomination would include THE coastal waters of Santa Barbara County; and*

*WHEREAS, the coastal waters of Santa Barbara County are a national treasure that attract millions of visitors per year for beach going, surfing, fishing, diving, and boating; and*

*WHEREAS, coastal recreation, fishing, boating, and tourism are essential components of the local economy as well as treasured staples of life in Santa Barbara County; and*

*WHEREAS, the coastal waters off Santa Barbara County include the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) and Channel Islands National Park, numerous marine protected areas, and support uniquely rich biodiversity; and*

*WHEREAS, national marine sanctuaries provide enhanced opportunity for conservation of marine resources, research, education, and recreation; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2011, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara declared June 8 as World Oceans Day to commend the CINMS for its dedication to protecting our local ocean waters; and*

*WHEREAS, climate change, human uses, and other threats present an imminent need to increase protections of our coastal waters.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the nomination of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monique Poyato  
Clerk of the Board

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