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MARCH 24, 2022 WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, in observance of World Tuberculosis Day, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department joins the global effort of this year's theme, "Invest to End TB. Save Lives";

WHEREAS, TB is a preventable disease, yet many in our community, including infants, children, and pregnant women still suffer. Cases in Santa Barbara County have increased to a total of 25 cases in 2021, representing a case rate of 5.14 above California's target rate of 4.6; and

WHEREAS, Disease Control TB staff will focus on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and prioritize outreach to vulnerable communities whose access to healthcare have been most interrupted; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is committed to eliminating TB and actively engaging with providers, healthcare agencies, local partners especially those serving at-risk population sin our community to promote prevention and early diagnosis of TB; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department congratulates Karen E. White on her retirement and exemplary work in leading TB prevention and control efforts and successfully managing TB outbreaks and complex drug resistant treatments and investigations for well over two decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 24, 2022, as World Tuberculosis Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this fifteenth day of March 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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