



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2022  
 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN  
 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY )  
 ) **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, water is California's most precious resource and our quality of life and economic well-being depend on the efficient and prudent management of water resources;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, the California Legislature passed two bills – Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668 – that, together, implement Executive Order B-37-16 "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" by establishing long-term water conservation measures;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's rainfall for 2022 has been far below average, continuing the driest 10-year period in more than 100 years of record;

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom declared a statewide drought emergency in October 2021 asking for voluntary reduction of 15% and later signed an executive order in March 2022, instructing the adoption of further restrictions;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara, through the Public Works Department, is coordinating with water purveyors throughout the County to conserve and protect our valuable water resources through the Regional Water Efficiency Program, and facilitate the securing of additional long-term supplies; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort was established over 20 years ago because the efficient use of our local water resources has always been a priority, not just in times of drought and water shortage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors, State of California, proclaims May 2022 as Water Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and encourages all residents to learn more about their water resources and the importance of efficient water use, and to join in supporting local water agencies and organizations in their effort to be "Water-wise in Santa Barbara County."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monroe Reynolds*  
 Clerk of the Board

*Das Williams*  
 Supervisor - 1st District  
*Greg Hart*  
 Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Janice*  
 Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Bob Weber*  
 Supervisor - 4th District  
*S. Sawyer*  
 Supervisor - 5th District