RESOLUTION NO. 23-131



## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2023 AS AMATEUR RADIO MONTH <u>IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY</u>

WHEREAS, Amateur (Ham) Radio operators stand ready to serve the residents of Santa Barbara County during times of emergency, providing communications to protect life and property through the use of their skills and use of advanced communications technologies; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League's Santa Barbara Section includes Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, with a collective pool of over 7,500 operators licensed by the FCC including some 1,900 in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, during emergencies, Amateur Radio volunteers are on duty providing emergency and supplemental communications to support the protection of life, property and human services in shelters; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are committed to the values of community service, continuous training, staying current with advancements in technology, providing mentorship to new operators and never charging a fee for their services; and

WHEREAS, During the fourth weekend of June each year, Amateur Radio operators conduct a national 24hour exercise that simulates field operations under emergency conditions, this year occurring on June 24 and 25, at multiple locations within Santa Barbara County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares June 2023, as Amateur Radio Month in Santa Barbara County, honoring those who are prepared to serve the County whenever their communication skills may be necessary.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6th day of June, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

1st District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

visor - 5th District