

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SCOUTS WEEK 2024

WHEREAS, February 8, 2024 is the 114th birthday of Scouts BSA and February $4^{th} - 10^{th}$ is celebrated as Scouts BSA Week; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Los Padres Council of Scouts BSA has served youth and families in Santa Barbara County for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Scouts BSA is to "prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law"; and

WHEREAS, Scout Law states, "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent"; and

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA offers Scouting experiences for the whole family – and notably in February 2019 Scouts BSA formally adopted a policy to allow girls to participate in the organization's programs including the ability to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA is committed to helping millions of youth and families succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live happy and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA requires an Eagle Scout Merit Badge titled "Citizenship in Society," which focuses on the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion, and ethical leadership; and

WHEREAS, more than 110 million young people have learned Scouting's lessons of patriotism, courage, and self-reliance since Scouts BSA's founding 114 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Los Padres Council of Scouts BSA is committed to providing exceptional service to all units within Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors celebrates the positive impact that Scouts BSA has had on countless youth in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California on this 6th day of February 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

