



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING LOS PADRES FORESTWATCH UPON 20 YEARS OF PROTECTING THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Los Padres National Forest encompasses nearly two million acres of California's Central Coast, significantly impacting Santa Barbara County by providing clean water, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitats while enhancing the local economy; Los Padres ForestWatch is the sole nonprofit dedicated to protecting these vital resources in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument for current and future generations;

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, ForestWatch has mobilized more than 1,000 volunteers who have contributed over 10,000 hours of service, protecting wildlife habitat, cleaning up trash, and restoring degraded areas while securing increased protections for over 1,000,000 acres of national forest land; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of underserved youth and families have been introduced to the wonders of nature through ForestWatch's Outdoor Connections program, which creates lasting memories and inspires the next generation of land stewards amongst communities most in need; and

WHEREAS, the County's iconic wildlife—mountain lions, bears, deer, bobcats, coyotes, and more—can move about the region more safely due to ForestWatch's Room to Roam program, which has worked to protect critical travel ways to ensure a safe future for our region's wildlife; and

WHEREAS, this important work would not be possible without the support of thousands of generous members, committed advocates, and dedicated volunteers who understand the importance of protecting the great outdoors in our own backyard, and Los Padres ForestWatch was incorporated as a nonprofit public benefit corporation in California, formally recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara, State of California, hereby honors Los Padres ForestWatch for its twenty years of dedicated service in protecting land, wildlife, and water conservation throughout the Los Padres National Forest.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of September, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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