

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK

## SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 20 - 24, 2014 AS

WHEREAS, floods can occur in Santa Barbara County in any year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends; and

WHEREAS, during the past two decades, Santa Barbara County has seen several above average rain years, including devastating flooding to portions of our community, which should serve as a vivid reminder of the flooding threat we face; and

WHEREAS, the County makes available for public viewing the flood insurance rate maps that are developed and published by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, because of the County's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses which do occur; and

WHEREAS, of all the cities and counties in the State of California, residents of unincorporated Santa Barbara County represent one of a few such communities able to purchase flood insurance at a 20% discount due to the County's Level 6 standing in the Community Rating System (CRS) that credits the County for its maintenance program, emergency response efforts, and floodplain management program;

WHEREAS, an effective means of reducing flood damages is through public awareness of the flooding potential associated with their homes and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of October 20, 2014 as Flood Awareness Week and encourage Santa Barbara County residents to view the exhibits located in the lobby of the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria and the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of October, 2014, by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District 2nd District Supervisor - 3rd District Supervisor - 4th District ATTEST: Clerk of the Board Supervisor - 5th District