



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2019  
AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY )  
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**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; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2016, the Governor of California signed Executive Order B-37-16 "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life", bolstering California's drought resilience and preparedness by establishing longer-term water conservation measures; and

**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 by directing a transition from temporary emergency water restrictions to permanent, long-term improvements in water use; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2019, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors terminated the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions that had been ratified since January 21, 2014, while acknowledging recurring droughts in Santa Barbara County are more likely with the impacts of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2019, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors further determined that a prolonged water supply shortage still exists within Santa Barbara County and urges all residents throughout the County to continue conserving water now and into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, despite receiving above-average rainfall this winter, and significant increases in surface reservoir storage, continued vigilance of our water supplies remains a priority following the driest consecutive seven years on record in Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara, through the Public Works Department, is working cooperatively to conserve and protect our valuable water resources with water purveyors throughout the County and facilitate the securing of additional long-term supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative effort was established decades ago because the efficient use of our local water resources is always 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 2019 as Water Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and urges all residents learn more about their precious water resources and the importance of wise 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monica Reyes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Tom Pittman*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Greg Hart*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Joan Hart*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Pete Allen*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*John Swann*  
Supervisor - 5th District