

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1969, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Barbara MTD) began public transit service with twelve buses serving eight routes with a base fare of twenty-five cents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara MTD's service territory encompasses Goleta, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Isla Vista, Summerland, Montecito, and other unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, where fixed route transit operates 363 days a year; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara MTD has long been a pioneer in the clean transportation space, beginning with the introduction of battery-electric shuttles into service in Santa Barbara in 1991, proudly operating the first battery-electric transit fleet in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara MTD provides high-quality public transit service to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities; and has partnered with UC Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College for decades to provide unlimited and affordable transit to students with a pass program; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara MTD now provides over 6.4 million passenger trips annually with an average daily ridership of over 21,000; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara MTD operates a fleet of 114 vehicles and has set a goal of having a 100% battery-electric fleet by 2030;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor and commend Santa Barbara MTD and its leaders for their service to our community on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of providing public transit service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of December, 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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