

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MARCH 7, 2020 AS ARBOR DAY
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a long and prosperous agricultural history of growing annual and perennial plants for products, as well as landscape benefits; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Santa Barbara County treasure the valuable landscape trees provide on both public and private lands, and consider them to be essential living features that contribute to their quality of life experience; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of our urban forest and county landscapes, as well as the enhanced beauty of the planted and developed landscape environments, add to the many qualities that draw visitors and new residents to one of California's most beautiful Counties; and

WHEREAS, four of the largest incorporated cities and Santa Barbara County have, for many years, been proud and active participants in the "Tree City U.S.A." program, sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as governing stewards responsible for the planting and care of all trees growing on County public lands, as well as promoting and encouraging conservation of valuable trees growing on private lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, together with the Public Works and the Community Services Departments, proclaim Saturday, March 7, 2020 as ARBOR DAY throughout the County, and encourage all citizens to recognize the multitude of benefits our community derives from the conscious acts of planting and properly maintaining landscape trees, and request that all institutions of primary and secondary education throughout the County, seek ways to observe this important day, and to teach students the value of trees in our lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 25th Day of February, 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.