

Y OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25TH TO OCTOBER 3RD, 2021 AS **CALIFORNIA**

"NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, each day, roughly 17 lbs of carbon emissions per capita are generated from vehicle transportation across the Santa Barbara County region; and

WHEREAS, National Drive Electric Week™ is an annual national outreach event to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more; and

WHEREAS, the county has been committed to reducing our environmental impact by transitioning the county fleet to electric as they naturally go out of service; and

WHEREAS, The County of Santa Barbara Clean Commute Program was recently expanded to include employees who use electric vehicles and provides transportation benefits, flexible ways to work, and information on how to commute to encourage sustainable transportation and support employees living and working across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District is currently transitioning their fleet to fully zero-emissions by 2030 and currently boasts the second largest active electric bus fleet in California with 14 fully battery-electric buses; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable commuting can reduce traffic congestion; improve employee well-being and satisfaction, and lower local environmental impacts by using transportation modes other than driving alone; and

WHEREAS, National Drive Electric Week reminds us of the need to expand environmental and climate literacy not only to strengthen environmental and climate protections but also to accelerate development of green technologies and provide our community with information on green technologies that will benefit all communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is committed to National Drive Electric Week as a yearlong goal for the health of our residents, our workforce, and our community at large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors declares that September 25th through October 3, 2021 be declared as "National Drive Electric Week" in the Santa Barbara County, and we encourage all residents, businesses, employees, and community members to participate in National Drive Electric Week and help reduce emissions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of September 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

> 1st District 2nd District Supervisor - 3rd District Supervisor - 4th District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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