



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY WITH INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards and recognizes the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services, and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, an earthquake is a sudden jolt of ground shaking that occurs when the earth's tectonic plates shift or slip naturally, due to volcanic or magmatic activity, or because of some other sudden change. People living, visiting, or working in the County of Santa Barbara must be aware of the ongoing and deadly hazards associated with earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with the public and to plan for earthquake-related disasters to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes will occur with minimal advanced warning. The public must be prepared to act and avoid earthquake-caused injuries. If you believe an earthquake is imminent or in progress, you should **DROP, COVER and HOLD ON** - Safely stop what you are doing, calmly get on your hands and knees, quickly protect yourself under a sturdy object, and hold that object over you until shaking completely stops; and

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, Santa Barbara County can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org/california to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, all Santa Barbara County residents and guests are advised to practice how to safely drop, cover, and hold on during this year's **Great California Shakeout** exercise, at 10:21AM on October 21, 2021. Santa Barbara County will join all Californians in strengthening earthquake resiliency. The public can also improve their emergency preparedness by making emergency kits and registering for emergency alerts at www.ReadySBC.org; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the day of October 21, 2021 as Earthquake Preparedness Day and approves participating in the Great California ShakeOut.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of October 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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