



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATION OF THE CHUMASH HERITAGE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council submitted a nomination for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

WHEREAS, this is an important Indigenous-led national marine sanctuary nomination; and

WHEREAS, the CHNMS would protect Chumash sacred sites and preserve the heritage of Chumash Peoples who have resided in this area since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the CHNMS nomination would include THE coastal waters of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the coastal waters of Santa Barbara County are a national treasure that attract millions of visitors per year for beach going, surfing, fishing, diving, and boating; and

WHEREAS, coastal recreation, fishing, boating, and tourism are essential components of the local economy as well as treasured staples of life in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the coastal waters off Santa Barbara County include the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) and Channel Islands National Park, numerous marine protected areas, and support uniquely rich biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, national marine sanctuaries provide enhanced opportunity for conservation of marine resources, research, education, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara declared June 8 as World Oceans Day to commend the CINMS for its dedication to protecting our local ocean waters; and

WHEREAS, climate change, human uses, and other threats present an imminent need to increase protections of our coastal waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the nomination of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 14th day of December 2021 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monique Poyatos
Clerk of the Board

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