



Proclaiming  
January 2025

## National Mentoring Month in Ventura County

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs, and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of Ventura County rests on the hopes, dreams, aspirations and future accomplishments of its youth; and

**WHEREAS**, many children come from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, experience trauma, crisis and adversity, and may lack positive role models in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown mentored youth are more likely to engage in school and learning, more likely to avoid risk behaviors, and more likely to set and achieve positive goals for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, relationships with caring mentors offer youth consistent role models, valuable encouragement, motivation, hope and support to guide them toward making positive choices; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs and collaboratives throughout California are committed to increasing the number of quality mentors, especially in marginalized communities; and


**WHEREAS**, partnerships between businesses, educational institutions and mentor programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring before, during, and after school has become an effective strategy used by schools to increase student attendance and academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of Ventura County youth are waiting for mentors.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim January 2025 as "National Mentoring Month", in Ventura County and encourages residents to honor the role models in their lives by becoming mentors to youth in their community and support the work of mentoring agencies in the County like Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County and its non-profit youth service partners.

Presented on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

  
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