



**PROCLAIMING
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2024**

WHEREAS, ON EARTH DAY, WE CELEBRATE THE MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT THAT KICKED OFF 54 YEARS AGO, WHEN MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF EVERY AGE AND BACKGROUND FIRST RALLIED TOGETHER TO CHANGE OUR LAWS AND BECOME BETTER STEWARDS OF OUR PLANET; AND

WHEREAS, ALL LIFE FORMS ON EARTH HAVE A RIGHT TO A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND AS CARETAKERS OF OUR PLANET, WE ALL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CHANGE THE HUMAN BEHAVIORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION TO PRESERVE THE EARTH'S BEAUTY AND ITS RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2003, ELECTED OFFICIALS IN VENTURA COUNTY FORMED THE VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE TO COORDINATE AND ASSIST PUBLIC AGENCIES INCLUDING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, SCHOOLS, AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF VENTURA COUNTY TO BEST UTILIZE THE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR THE ENTIRE REGION; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2011, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA PREPARED THE CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABILITY GOALS, REDUCE THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2018, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA JOINED CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE TO BRING SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE REGION; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2020, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA ADOPTED THE VENTURA COUNTY 2040 GENERAL PLAN AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WHICH TAKES AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE BY INCORPORATING CLIMATE-RELATED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL PLAN'S ELEMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS GRANT AWARDS ADDING UP TO MORE THAN \$170M FOR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES. MANY OF THESE GRANT AWARDS INVOLVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO IMPLEMENT INITIATIVES TO MITIGATE CLIMATE IMPACTS; AND

WHEREAS, EVERY APRIL, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA COMMEMORATES EARTH DAY THROUGH CELEBRATING VENTURA COUNTY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN REDUCING OUR COUNTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LIVING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND PRACTICES; AND

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY PROCLAIMS APRIL 22, 2024 AS EARTH DAY IN VENTURA COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGES ALL BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO CELEBRATE THE EARTH AND COMMIT TO CARING FOR THE PLANET AND ITS RESOURCES.

PRESENTED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT
JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT