

RESOLUTION 2016-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO
SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A COUNTYWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County recognizes the need to provide reliable and dependable fire protection services for the health, safety and welfare of its residents and citizens; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the City of San Juan Bautista and County of San Benito entered into a multiple year contract agreement with the City of Hollister for countywide fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the contract for fire protection services was renewed in 2015, but a long-term solution to fire protection services within San Benito County needs to be addressed; and,

WHEREAS, San Benito County covers an area of 1,390 square miles and has varying topography and land uses of two urbanized municipalities and multiple rural agriculture areas that require different levels of fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a comprehensive countywide fire protection service agency could provide the different levels of fire services needed for the varying land uses within the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito supports the formation of a countywide fire protection district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 11th day of October 2016, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN

Robert Rivas
Chair, San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Louie Valdez, Clerk of the Board

Barbara Thompson, Asst. County Counsel