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PROCLAMATION

WATER AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2017

WHEREAS, California's arid and semiarid climate, its ambitious and evolving economy, and its continually growing population have combined to make shortages and conflicting demands the norm; and

WHEREAS, The rising concern of Climate Change could limit the state and federal governments water infrastructure due to less snow pack; and

WHEREAS, the health, welfare and quality of life for our community depends on a reliable, high quality water supply; and

WHEREAS, the need to develop a diverse portfolio approach to water supply reliability that includes a balanced combination of conversation, water reuse and new supplies is critical to our region's future; and

WHEREAS, municipal agencies and governments continue to seek cost-effective and efficient systems to obtain and deliver water to meet the needs of residents, agriculture and the economy; and,

WHEREAS, the state, county, cities and concerned citizens make strong efforts to foster wise decisions concerning water issues and water use; and,

WHEREAS, home water use and wastewater production can be significantly reduced by finding and repairing leaks, replacing inefficient toilets, washing machines, water softeners, and adopting personal water conserving practices; and

WHEREAS, the fact that California will experience periodic droughts and water conservation is critical not only during drought periods, **but at all times**; and

WHEREAS, landscape irrigation makes up over half of home water use - a percentage that can be significantly reduced by adjusting and monitoring irrigation systems and adopting water efficient landscaping and gardening practices; and

WHEREAS, San Benito County along with local governments and water agencies are working to provide residents with cost-effective means to reduce water use and the degradation of our water supply from water softener salts; and

WHEREAS, during May 2017, San Benito County is inviting everyone to find out ways to save water both at work and at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for San Benito County proclaim May 2017 as Water Awareness Month and urge all citizens, businesses, industries, institutions and public agencies to review their water use and water systems for water use efficiency and to contact their water supplier for water saving ideas and assistance.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 25th day of April, 2017.

Jaime De La Cruz, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors