



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: August 18, 2020**

Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of August 17, 2020 a Week of Mourning and Solidarity



PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2020 AS A WEEK OF MOURNING AND SOLIDARITY
IN GOLETA**

WHEREAS, the entire world - including the United States, the State of California, Santa Barbara County, the City of Goleta and all other jurisdictions and unincorporated areas within the county - have been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the lives of many across the Globe, including some residents from the City of Goleta, have been lost to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, untold damage has been inflicted on economies across the globe and many including our family, friends, residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, government institutions, and educational institutions have lost jobs and income and have had to withstand severe economic hardship; and

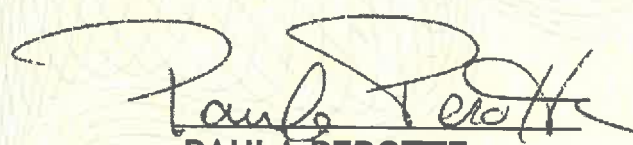
WHEREAS, our community has been challenged by unimaginable disruptions to our social norms, events, institutions and organizations, including our interactions and connections with families and friends, religious and spiritual congregations, athletic and sports clubs, schooling and childcare, professional organizations and conferences, holiday celebrations and festivals, places of work and others; and

WHEREAS, our community has demonstrated its resilience, strength and unity during recent episodes of natural disaster and crisis, including the 2017 Whittier fire and related 2019 Duval Canyon debris flow, the 2017 Thomas Fire and related 2018 debris flow, the 2018 Holiday Fire, the 2019 Cave Fire, the loss of 34 lives during the fire and sinking of the boat *Conception*; and

WHEREAS, we ascribe to the beliefs that "United we stand, Divided We Fall" and that we are stronger together than apart.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this 18th day of August 2020, the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby proclaim the week of August 17, 2020 as a week of mourning and solidarity, so that we may: reflect on the immense loss of life and subsequent tragedy and emotions of despair and pain that we all have felt at some moment during this crisis or others; mourn collectively over the sadness and grief that this devastation has meant to each of us and recommit to standing together in solidarity, strength, and unity.

APPROVED this 18th day of August 2020



**PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR**