

In Memoriam: Remembering the Fifth Anniversary of the Borderline Tragedy

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018, our community was forever changed by the tragic events that unfolded at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, resulting in the loss of twelve innocent lives and countless others who were deeply affected; and

WHEREAS, we come together as a community to remember and honor the lives that were tragically cut short including Ventura County Sheriff Sergeant Ron Helus, Noel Sparks, Pan Manrique, Justin Meek, Cody Coffman, Alaina Housley, Telemachus Orfanos, Sean Adler, Mark Meza, Jr., Blake Dingman, Jacob Dunham, and Kristina Morisette on that fateful night, each of whom had dreams, aspirations, and families who continue to grieve their absence; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the incredible strength, resilience, and unity that our community displayed in the face of such adversity, and the support shown to one another during these past five years, reminding us that even in the darkest of times, the light of our community was shining; and

WHEREAS, we extend our deepest gratitude to the heroes that emerged including the first responders, law enforcement, and all those who worked tirelessly to protect our community during the Borderline tragedy, as well as in the aftermath, providing comfort and support that enhanced the bonds of our community to the victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, as we mark this solemn fifth anniversary, we encourage all residents to engage in acts of kindness and compassion and we recommit ourselves to preventing such tragedies from occurring in the future, advocating for mental health awareness, and promoting responsible gun safety measures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and remember the victims of the Borderline Tragedy, their families, and all those affected by this devastating event; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, as a community, stand united in our resolve to honor the memories of those we have lost by fostering a more compassionate, resilient, and safe Ventura County.

Presented on this 7th Day of November, 2023

Chair of the Board of Supervisors Matt Lavere, Supervisor 1st Pistrict

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