

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
August 11, 2020

WHEREAS, Kobe Bryant was a basketball legend that inspired so many globally to pursue their dreams and taught us that hard work truly pays off; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Bryant entered the NBA directly after graduating Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and played for the Los Angeles Lakers for 20 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Bryant won five NBA championships, was an 18-time All-Star, a 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, a 12-time member of the All-Defensive Team, the 2008 NBA MVP, and a two-time NBA Finals MVP winner; and

WHEREAS, together with his wife, Mr. Bryant founded the Bryant Family Foundation whose goals are "helping young people in need, encouraging the development of physical and social skills through sports and assisting the homeless"; and

WHEREAS, Bryant started the Black Mamba Sports Academy to connect aspiring athletes with experts to help them achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Kobe Bryant was a beloved member of our community and a treasure to his Orange County neighbors and is one of the greatest basketball players of all time; and

WHEREAS, The basketball legend, father of four, tragically lost his life along with his daughter, Gianna, Orange Coast College head baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and his daughter Alyssa, Christina Mauser, basketball coach at Harbor Day School in Corona del Mar, Sarah Chester and her daughter Payton, and pilot Ara Zobayan; and

WHEREAS during his career, Kobe Bryant's numbers on his jerseys were 8 and 24, therefore a fitting day to celebrate his legacy would be August 24th. Now Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Orange County Board of Supervisors recognizes August 24th as Kobe Bryant Day and encourage members of our community to continue Kobe Bryant's legacy by engaging in community building helping young people in need, encouraging aspiring youth to follow their dreams, and living by Bryant's words: "The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."