RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 1, 2009, WORLD AIDS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 1st day of December is designated as World AIDS Day to increase awareness of the devastating impacts and the need for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, over 58 million people have been infected with HIV worldwide, including 1.6 million people in the US, and nearly 1,000 people in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, over 25 million people have died from HIV/AIDS worldwide, including 560,000 in the US, and over 500 in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, over 33 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, including over 1.2 million in the US, and nearly 500 in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.5 million people are infected with HIV worldwide each year, including over 57,000 in the US, and 25-45 in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department and other medical and human service agencies provided HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services to over 4,000 citizens of Santa Barbara County last year; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has supported HIV/AIDS prevention and outreach efforts for nearly 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby proclaim the first day of December 2009 as World AIDS Day, and encourages all residents Santa Barbara to observe and participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 1st day of December 2009, by a unanimous vote of all members present.