

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR CASA PACIFICA AND ARCHIBALD "Archie" RAZZ-M-TAZZ

WHEREAS, Casa Pacifica cares for abused, neglected, and at-risk children of Santa Barbara County and has demonstrated a vision and cooperative spirit to create a multi-disciplinary approach to helping children and youth heal from trauma or from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Casa Pacifica has provided Therapeutic Behavioral Services – in-home, short-term, intensive behavioral intervention aimed at keeping children at home and in their communities – to more than 570 Santa Barbara County children with an incredible success rate of 91% since July of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's most challenging children and youth exhibiting extreme and complex behavioral and emotional needs have been served in the Residential Treatment Program on Casa Pacifica's Camarillo campus, a program where four of five children and youth have successfully completed the program and graduated to lower levels of care; and

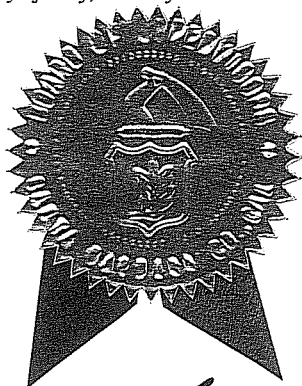
WHEREAS, it was determined that the presence of a therapy dog on campus could add to the breadth and depth of Casa Pacifica's therapeutic programs; private donors Mary and Anthony Tesoro also recognizing the special role a therapy dog could play in the lives of deserving children, purchased Archibald Razz-M-Tazz, a Newfoundland puppy, more commonly known as 'Archie,' for Casa Pacifica's children; and

WHEREAS, Archie has a unique and special sense that recognizes when a child is in distress and he naturally goes to calm, distract, or encourage a child to comfort or guide them, providing a lick on the face, a gentle body to hug, or a beautiful black fur coat into which they cry many tears; and

WHEREAS, Archie has brought much public attention to Casa Pacifica and the needs of the children which it serves through a wide variety of media attention, in publications such as the L.A. Times and Ventura County Star, as well as the NBC Today Show; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Casa Pacifica and their therapy dog, Archie, for their significant contributions to the lives of Santa Barbara County's children and youth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of May, 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District