

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEVEREUX

WHEREAS, in 1912, a Philadelphia school teacher named Helena Devereux founded an organization which would give "slow learners" a second chance by recognizing the uniqueness of each child and that child's right to develop to his or her own potential, whatever that may be;

WHEREAS, Helena Devereux did independent study in the fields of psychology, speech therapy and similar disciplines; she apprenticed in occupational therapy, woodwork and handicrafts; and studied medicine, endocrinology, psychiatry, and psychoanalysis with experts in those fields. Miss Devereux was the first non-medical woman elected an Honorary Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 1958; and would be recognized over the course of her lifetime by many organizations for her outstanding achievements and advocacy for individuals with special needs;

WHEREAS, when families urged her to bring her programs to the west coast so that their loved ones could learn and be cared for closer to their homes, Miss Devereux found a way to purchase the former Campbell Ranch on the coastal bluff top at Coal Oil Point in 1945. "Devereux Ranch School" in Santa Barbara was the first residential treatment program outside of Pennsylvania established by Helena Devereux, who was lauded as a "Pioneer in Special Education";

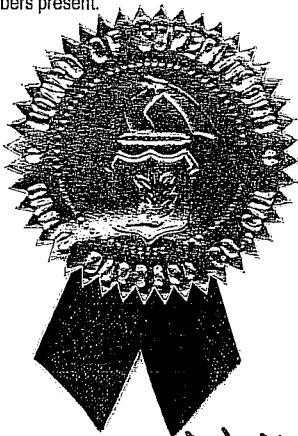
WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County alone, Devereux has provided a wide range of educational, vocational, clinical, therapeutic and recreational opportunities for thousands of children and adults during its seven decades of providing services here; and has provided volunteer opportunities, internships and employment for thousands of students and other dedicated workers;

WHEREAS, Devereux California has had a large impact on local employment and the economy of Santa Barbara County throughout its history, with more than 200 individuals and families served by 650 staff (among the 10 largest employers) at its peak of operation. Currently, 150 staff provide services to 80 adults and families on the five-acre campus and in homes and apartments throughout the communities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Buellton and Lompoc;

WHEREAS, having evolved along with the philosophy of the state of California and its regional centers toward more community-focused services and more government-funded individuals (90 percent), Devereux California has sustained state budget crises, backed by the support of this 100-year-old organization. Both nationally and locally, it has never waived from Helena Devereux's philosophy that "every individual is a program" no matter what challenges have arisen;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby honors the 100th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration with Devereux California at their annual "Devereux Day" gathering of families and friends; and commends Devereux for having become, during its first 100 years, the largest nonprofit provider of behavioral health care services in the United States, with 6,000 dedicated staff providing services to 15,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, emotional and/or behavioral disorders.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 21st day of August, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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