



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2012
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since 1963, communities across the country have come together to celebrate "Older Americans Month" by recognizing the achievements and contributions of our senior citizens. This year, the theme of "Never Too Old to Play" considers the longevity and active lifestyles enjoyed by seniors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census counted 74,995 residents age 60 or over in Santa Barbara County, 54,398 age 65 and over, 27,622 age 75 and over, and 9,090 age 85 and over. Furthermore, residents 85 years and older are one of the faster growing populations in Santa Barbara County and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with life-experience and knowledge and promise to be one of our nation's most active and engaged populations in the years to come. It is essential that they maintain an active lifestyle and stay engaged with their friends, families and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, and is known as the "Silver Tsunami" a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the care of older adults and the responsibility we have as a community to prepare for changing needs by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, our community will demonstrate our respect and appreciation of our older residents by celebrating their achievements at the annual Older Americans Month Tea on Wednesday, May 16;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May, 2012 as Older Americans Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to honor our senior citizens as well as those individuals, family members, and care givers who assist them.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 1st day of May, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chanda Walker
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