

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2006 AS MEDIATION MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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*WHEREAS, conflict is prevalent in our society and often leads to disharmony, expensive law enforcement, legal contentiousness, or violence; and*

*WHEREAS, conflict is a normal and natural part of everyday life, and responses to conflict encompass a wide continuum of choices, including opportunities to explore peaceful and creative resolutions; and*

*WHEREAS, in an effort to restore harmony, improve relations among citizens, neighborhoods, and families, many people are turning to mediation as a process that peacefully resolves controversy and disputes; and*


*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County contains a growing private sector of mediators and dispute resolution firms, and a variety of mediation programs largely staffed by trained volunteers who are ready and able to act as neutral mediators whenever called upon by our citizens who have need for those services; and*


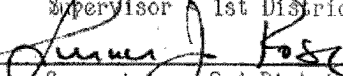
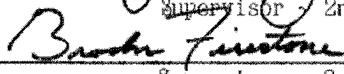
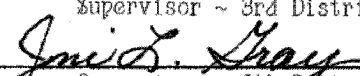

*WHEREAS, the following are engaged in providing mediation services and conflict resolution training and promote mediation as "appropriate dispute resolution" (ADR) in our communities: Conflict Solutions Center, the ADR Section of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association, the Appropriate Dispute Resolution Programs Committee of Santa Barbara Superior Court, the Court Administered Dispute Resolution Program (CADRe) of Santa Barbara Superior Court, the Family Custody Services of Superior Court, the City of Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force, the UCSB Housing Office, the UCSB Extension Certificate Program, the Southern California Mediation Association, and the local private mediation practitioners in Santa Barbara County;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims March 2006 as "Mediation Month" in Santa Barbara County and encourages residents to engage in this form of peaceful conflict resolution whenever possible.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2006 by a 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