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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING & COMMENDING THE KIDS SPEAKING UP GROUP CALIFORNIA

*WHEREAS, Kids Speaking Up is a non-partisan group that was founded in 2004 by Isabelle D'Arcy, Sophie D'Arcy and Ben Raderstorf and is focused on giving young people a voice, involving them in advocacy, raising awareness on local, national and global issues, and combating ignorance and apathy; and*

*WHEREAS, Kids Speaking Up clubs have been organized and supported at Dos Pueblos High School, Goleta Valley Junior High School, and the Montessori Center School where selected topics can be researched, discussed and debated; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2005, Kids Speaking Up realized a goal of publishing a magazine containing the creative writings of young people from the fourth to eleventh grades expressing their concerns, hopes and need to have an influence on the future, exploring differing points of view, and conveying their heartfelt desire to make a difference in this world, one individual at a time; and*

*WHEREAS, Kids Speaking Up has been endorsed and supported by numerous community members, parents, educators, and local organizations including Direct Relief International, the Fund for Santa Barbara, and the Music and Arts Conservatory of Santa Barbara; and*

*WHEREAS, the youth participating in Kids Speaking Up also devote their time and energies to community service and outreach, public speaking at organizations and events, and writing letters to the editors of news publications;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors commends the founders and participants in Kid Speaking Up for their leadership, activism, creativity, and passionate commitment to inspiring today's young people to share thoughts and opinions, make their voices heard, strengthen their ability to shape and influence their futures, and participate as thoughtful, informed, and committed citizens dedicated to making the world a better place for all.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of December, 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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