



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS
RECOVERY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, wetlands are one of our planet's most productive ecosystems and with over 75% of all life in Southern California dependent on wetlands for some part of their lifecycle, the EPA has designated May as "American Wetlands Month"; and

WHEREAS, with our nation having lost 50% of our wetlands and Southern California having lost closer to 90%, the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has successfully worked for 10 years to protect and restore the remainder of this essential link between land and water; and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has implemented over \$8 million worth of projects in Santa Barbara County including the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Summerland/Greenwell Preserve Restoration, Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Study, Devereux Slough/Ellwood Mesa Regional Plan, and Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, wetlands provide many health and safety benefits to our nation including acting as buffers to reduce damage caused by floods and filtering pollutants to enhance water quality in our creeks, oceans and drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, wetlands provide opportunities for tourists and area residents to engage in activities such as kayaking, bird watching and hiking, and also support the ecosystems that sustain commercial and recreational fishing, all of which contribute to the health of our local economy and overall quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors designates May as "Wetlands Awareness Month" and honors the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project for its dedication and commitment to preserving, protecting and enhancing the coastal and riparian wetlands of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County this 15th day of May, 2007 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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