

## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2008 AS IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CAREGIVER MONTH

**CALIFORNIA** 

WHEREAS, numerous national organizations have joined together in declaring the month of November 2008 as National Home Care Month to recognize, honor and support the valuable contributions of home care workers; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County nearly 2,500 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers provide home care services and support which make it possible for nearly 3,000 low-income disabled, elderly, and blind residents who are IHSS recipients to remain living independently in their homes; and

WHEREAS, providing services and support for the disabled, elderly, and blind to remain living in their homes is a humane, dignified, and compassionate alternative to hospitalization or other institutional placement; and

WHEREAS, the work of Santa Barbara County's IHSS caregivers requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication; and

WHEREAS, the work of Santa Barbara County's IHSS caregivers is both physically demanding and emotionally challenging; and

WHEREAS, the work of Santa Barbara County's IHSS caregivers promotes independence, dignity, and quality-of-life for Santa Barbara County's disabled, elderly, and blind residents; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Social Services Department, the Santa Barbara County IHSS Public Authority, and the Santa Barbara County IHSS Advisory Committee are committed to acknowledging the contributions and importance of Santa Barbara County's IHSS caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of November 2008 as Santa Barbara County IHSS Caregiver Appreciation Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this fourth day of November 2008 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