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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
MARCH 2002 AS MEDIATION  
MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*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 resolution; and*

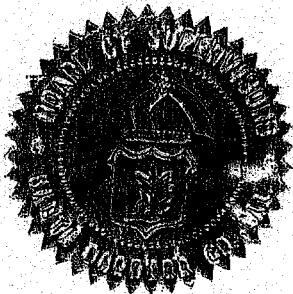
*WHEREAS in an effort to restore harmony, and improve relations among citizens, neighborhoods and families, many people are turning to mediation as a process that peacefully resolves controversy and disputes; and*

*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 agencies and groups are engaged in providing mediation services and dispute resolution training in efforts to promote the use of mediation as an appropriate form of dispute resolution in our community: the City of Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Consumer Mediation Program, the Santa Barbara County Family Custody Services of Superior Court, the Community Mediation Program of Santa Barbara County, the UCSB Housing Office, the UCSB Extension Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Management Certificate Program, the Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Programs Committee of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, the Court Administered Dispute Resolution Program of Superior Court, the ADR Section of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association, the Southern California Mediation Association and private mediation practitioners in Santa Barbara County.*

*NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors, in recognition and support of the many mediation programs available in this community, proclaims March 2002 as MEDIATION MONTH in the County of Santa Barbara and encourages this form of peaceful conflict resolution whenever possible.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this nineteenth day of March 2002.*



*Naomi Schwartz*  
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Supervisor ~ 1st District

*Laura J. Rose*  
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Supervisor ~ 3rd District

*Joni Gray*  
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Supervisor ~ 4th District

*Tom Althaus*  
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Supervisor ~ 5th District

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
Clerk of the Board