



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2007 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April 2007 marks the 43rd Anniversary of the State of California's fair housing law and the 39th anniversary of the federal civil rights law providing equal housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, State and federal housing laws were enacted to ensure that a fair choice of housing was available to all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, sexual preference, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or any other arbitrary basis; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has adopted the theme of "Fair Housing: is Not an Option, It's the Law" in recognition of the nation's fair housing laws, and is emphasizing the theme by holding events this month on how fair housing can help foster diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the County has continued its successful relationship with the Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force which since 1976 has been dedicated to resolving rental housing disputes by offering mediation services and information on landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the County and HOME Consortium members recently completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to affirmatively further fair housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognize April 2007 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Santa Barbara, and urges all members of the community to educate themselves on the rights and responsibilities relating to fair housing in celebration of this observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, 17th day of April, 2007 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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