

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2015 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH CALIFORNIA

*WHEREAS, the nation's 3,077 counties provide over 300 million Americans with a number of essential public services that include; maintaining public infrastructure, public safety, public health, social services, mental health services, administering elections, keeping records and community planning; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has designated April, 2015 as National County Government Month and have designated this year's theme "Counties Moving Forward: The Keys are Transportation Infrastructure"; and*

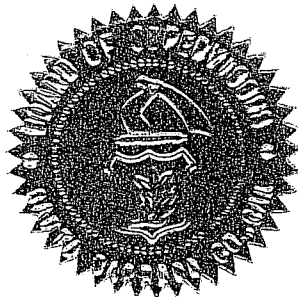
*WHEREAS, Counties play a critical role in the nation's transportation system. They are responsible for building and maintaining 230,690 bridges and 45 percent of all public roads (compared to the 33 percent of public roads owned by cities and townships, 19 percent by states, and 3 percent by the federal government), and are involved in a third of the nation's transit systems and airports that connect residents, communities and businesses. However, due to a number of systemic funding constraints, counties need a strong federal program that supports locally owned roads, bridges and transit systems; and*

*WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County the unincorporated transportation system is relied upon everyday by the residents and the travelling public in our various communities. Our system consists of 1662 lane miles of maintained pavements, approximately 120 major bridge structures, thousands of street trees that makeup our Urban Forest, as well as miscellaneous concrete improvements, drainage facilities and traffic controls to provide safe passage for all users of the system; and*

*WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP 21), which provides funding for critical transportation infrastructure, is set to expire in May, 2015. NACo and counties across the country support passage of a new surface transportation authorization to provide long-term funding certainty required to invest and upgrade our infrastructure by making the Highway Trust Fund solvent;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2015 as National County Government Month in Santa Barbra County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Prigato  
Clerk of the Board

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