

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MARCH 24, 2009
WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, each year nearly 2 million people die and 9 million people become sick with TB world-wide and because TB infects one-third of the world's population; and

WHEREAS in 2008, more than 2600 active TB cases were reported in California; with 34 of those active cases occurring in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS in 2008, the Disease Control staff evaluated 260 persons who had close contact with these 34 active cases to prevent further spread of TB; and

WHEREAS, Disease Control staff and PHD partners successfully responded to a surge in TB cases among homeless individuals in November 2008 ensuring those with active TB were treated and those who had close contact were screened and cleared; and

WHEREAS, given global travel and immigration patterns and the airborne spread of TB, public health departments must continue to be prepared for the control of TB; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Tuberculosis Control Program continues to work to develop and implement strategies for prevention, surveillance, control and treatment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim, March 24, 2009, as World Tuberculosis Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twenty-fourth day of March 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.