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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2009  
AS NATIONAL COURT ADOPTION  
AND PERMANENCY MONTH**

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize that it is every child's basic right to belong to a secure, loving, permanent family; and*

*WHEREAS, adoption provides children with security and stability, gives them a brighter future and brings a sense of fulfillment and joy to both the child and the adoptive parent; and*

*WHEREAS, in California, more than 18,000 children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; and the average child waits for an adoptive family for more than two years, while many spend five years or more waiting for permanent, loving homes; and*

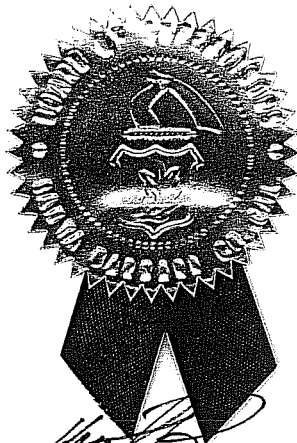
*WHEREAS, in 2008, over 100 adoptions were finalized in Santa Barbara County and it is anticipated that at least 80 adoptions will be finalized this year. Santa Maria Juvenile Court celebrated Adoptions Day on November 16, when approximately 18 adoptions were finalized; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Commission on Foster Care, local courts, public agencies and community based organizations along with counterparts throughout the state support programs that promote permanency, resulting in a decrease in the number of children waiting for permanent homes; and*

*WHEREAS, those children waiting for adoptive parents, as well as the families who have adopted these children require and deserve community and public agency support and Court Adoption and Permanency Month gives our community an opportunity to honor the dedication of relatives, foster families, other adoptive families, social workers, public and private adoption services and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for the children of Santa Barbara County.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of November 2009 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this first day of December, 2009, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District