



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 11, 2002 FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, firefighters have always had the fundamental responsibility of protecting society from fire and injury. They willing put their lives on the line and never allow personal feelings or danger to interfere with carrying out their duties. Firefighters respond to this responsibility at all hours of the day and night; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 is a prime example of the danger firefighters face. 343 members of the New York City Fire Department lost their lives September 11, 2001. That's a devastating blow to a department that has lost 778 men since being founded in 1865, that's a 30 percent increase making it a total of 1121 lives lost in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the mission of a firefighter is to serve and safeguard the community from the impacts of fires, medical emergencies, environmental emergencies, and natural disasters. Firefighters are recognized as people who care and deliver. They respond to everyone's needs; and

WHEREAS, because a firefighters life's work is serious, they can never rest. They answer the call for help. They are called upon because people believe in them as individuals and as an organization. Every member in the department shares in that responsibility to lend a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Santa Maria City Fire Department are joined by members of fire departments throughout the State, Nation, and Central Coast to honor and remember all their fallen brothers and sisters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim May 11, 2002 as "FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY". Passed and adopted by a unanimous vote of all members present this 14 day of May 2002.



ATTEST:

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