

OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING ELSA GRANADOS CALIFORNIA

FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SANTA BARBARA RAPE CRISIS CENTER

WHEREAS, Elsa Granados earned her BA in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz and her MA in Public Administration with an emphasis in nonprofit management from California State University, San Francisco. She relocated to Santa Barbara in 1997 to become the executive director of Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, Elsa has been involved in the movement to end violence against women for over 25 years. She has served as Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center's Executive Director for the past 15 years and provides leadership and oversight for all agency functions; and

WHEREAS, Elsa is very passionate and dedicated to ending sexual violence in the Santa Barbara community and the state of California. She was recognized by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) in 2008 as the Outstanding Executive Director of the year. In 2010, she was recognized with the Santa Barbara County Victim Service Award for her commitment to provide services to sexual assault survivors and their significant others; and

WHEREAS, Elsa diligently works toward guaranteeing culturally, linguistic and competent services to sexual assault survivors in both English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, During the last 15 years Elsa has been able to increase the visibility of SBRCC services and sexual assault prevention education into the junior high schools and high schools within South Santa Barbara County. She is a leader in the community because of her receptiveness to the needs of the community and works toward ensuring survivors of sexual violence receive high quality of services. She is empathetic and compassionate about empowering sexual assault survivors who are recovering from trauma. Ms. Granados is a leader in the sexual assault field and she is highly regarded for her work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Elsa Granados for her 15 years of service to the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center and for her lifelong commitment to activism, leadership, advocacy and dedicated service to her community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of of March, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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