



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SERVE SANTA MARIA FOR SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

WHEREAS, Serve Santa Maria began serving the City of Santa Maria in 2010 under the leadership of Pastor Carl Nielsen and is one of the most successful neighborhood beautification programs on the Central Coast of California; and

WHEREAS, the Serve Santa Maria Leadership Team determines and coordinates projects by recommendations from the City Manager's Office, the City Attorney's Code Compliance Division and the Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, twice a year, 300 to 450 volunteers from local churches and the general public converge at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center to organize teams that are deployed to the different service projects in Santa Maria; and

WHEREAS, Serve Santa Maria projects typically range from planting trees and raking bark chips in City parks, to painting benches and improving playgrounds by painting a map of the United States and planting landscaping, to removing graffiti and trash or rehabilitating homes, mobile homes and yards of occupants that are unable to perform the work on their own; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of volunteer work performed at City parks and facilities enables the City to tackle projects that may have been put on hold due to staffing constraints. This volunteer effort saves the City thousands of Ground Maintenance staff hours that would be spent on planting, landscape installation, graffiti abatement and trash collection throughout local parks; thereby saving the City tens of thousands of tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, this community based effort of Serve Santa Maria has provided conduits that address important community issues and provides for the beautification of the City while saving fiscal and staffing resources; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara proclaims that Serve Santa Maria instills a sense of civic pride and creates a successful collaboration of the faith-based community, the non-profit community, local businesses, schools and local government.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 10th day of May, 2016, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Sharon Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

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