

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
MAY 2009  
AS "OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH"  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is a community in which 73,842 persons age 60 or older make their home; and  
WHEREAS, older American's are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and

WHEREAS, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult population in our Nation's history; and

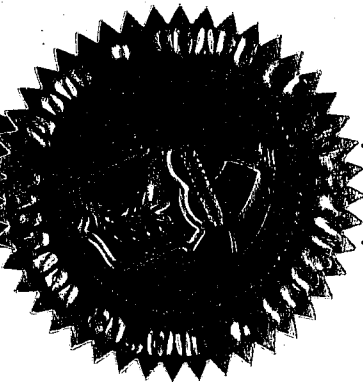
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this community to work together and prepare for changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, overall quality of life can be enhanced when supportive communities help their older citizens obtain evidence-based approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease, disability and injury; the tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long term care options; more options to remain safe and secure at home as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a community with extensive resources to address the needs of older adults and their caregivers and needs to continue development of local resources to address the anticipated generation of aging baby boomers; and

WHEREAS, we urge everyone to take time this May to honor older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults, and we urge all communities to work collaboratively to strengthen the services provided to our older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives, our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim May 2009 as "Older American's Month" in Santa Barbara County. Passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.



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Supervisor - 5th District

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Clerk of the Board