



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 21-22, 2007 AS SANTA MARIA'S RELAY FOR LIFE WEEKEND

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a twenty-four hour signature event that brings together those who have been touched by cancer in our community, with its ninth year being held at St. Joseph High School in Santa Maria; honoring cancer survivors, remembering loved ones and raising money for the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, \$312,000 dollars were raised with the efforts of 1400 dedicated walkers representing 69 fundraising teams, over 325 cancer survivors and the support of a tremendous list of sponsors. Funds raised for Relay for Life directly are changing the lives of people in our community who are affected by cancer with programs like: Education, Research, Service and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second-leading cause of death in California, causing more than 50,000 deaths each year. With cancer striking at any age, here in Santa Barbara County of 86% insured children under the age of 18 who have contacted cancer, 30% will die of cancer and of the 14% of un-insured children who have contacted cancer, 70% will die of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has a vision for the year 2015 which is to reduce cancer incidence by 25 percent, reduce cancer mortality by 50% and to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim July 21-22, 2007 as "Santa Maria's Relay for Life Weekend" and invite all citizens to attend opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Passed and adopted this 10th day of July 2007.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District