

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING PEACE CORPS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy by Executive Order on March 1, 1961, with a mission to promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals: (1) To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, (2) To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served, and (3) To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps provides a service opportunity for motivated changemakers to immerse themselves in a community abroad, working side by side with local leaders to tackle pressing needs, changing lives the world over; and

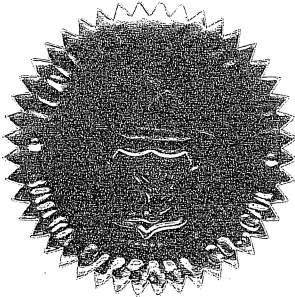
WHEREAS, over a period of more than five decades, more than 225,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 141 countries, demonstrating ingenuity, creativity, and grit to solve critical challenges together with their host communities, and leaving a legacy in the lives and communities of the people they reach, educate, and inspire; and

WHEREAS, the University of California Santa Barbara has consistently ranked among the top universities producing Peace Corps Volunteers, and Santa Barbara County has a strong presence of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers with an active local Peace Corps Association; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Week is an annual event commemorating President Kennedy's establishment of the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, and celebrating all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad, while renewing the agency's commitment to service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that in recognition of international Peace Corps Week, February 26 – March 4, 2017, is hereby proclaimed "Peace Corps Week" in the County of Santa Barbara, and in doing so the Board of Supervisors commends the Santa Barbara Peace Corps Association, the Los Angeles Regional Peace Corps Office, and local Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for their vital roles in advancing and creating awareness of the Peace Corps' mission locally in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 28th day of February, 2017, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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