

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING
THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

## CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, since 1960, nearly 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries, helping to meet a wide variety of crucial needs and promoting a better understanding between Americans and people around the globe; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan "to make the greatest possible difference" by living and working in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1961, Congress passed the Peace Corps Act, officially galvanizing the nation's commitment to building world peace through service and good faith one volunteer at a time; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps is currently serving in 77 countries, working to advance education, health, information technology and business, environmental sustainability, youth development, and also contributing to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; and

WHEREAS, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are distinguished, innovative and creative individuals including international and local leaders such as Aaron Williams, Kevin Quigley, Virginia Williams, Sarah Chayes, Gordon L. Radley and Thomas Tighe; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps continues to play a crucial role in the movement for world peace by improving lives, building stronger communities and creating a sustainable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Corps, and encourages residents of Santa Barbara County to participate in events and celebrations taking place in our community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, on this 21st day of September, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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