

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 10TH – 18TH AMERICORPS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, since 1994 nearly 775,000 AmeriCorps members have served in non-profit organizations, public agencies and faith-based organizations nation-wide, providing over 1 billion hours of service to build capacity, expand services, develop new partnerships and create innovative, sustainable programs; and

WHEREAS, each year 80,000 AmeriCorps members serve communities throughout the country to meet critical needs in education, economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, disaster services, healthy futures, and veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members recruited, trained and managed 3.4 million community volunteers in 2011 and over 72% of AmeriCorps alumni choose to pursue a career in the public or non-profit sector; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Education Office coordinates a chapter of the AmeriCorps program that serves over 800 at-risk students annually throughout the county by providing essential educational services such as daily tutoring and recruits hundreds of volunteers to support educational programs and service projects to benefit local schools; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps fills critical needs within our local school systems that have arisen due to budget cuts impacting staff and services levels and the work of AmeriCorps members is an essential component to the educational success of at-risk students. Potential funding cuts to AmeriCorps programs across the U.S. may impact their local programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares the week of March 10th through 18th, 2012 as AmeriCorps Week in Santa Barbara County and commends all residents who volunteer their time and energy as part of the AmeriCorps program.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13th day of March, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Chandra Islallan
Clerk of the Board

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