



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS FOR INTER-VALLEY ANIMALS, INC. (VIVA) FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LOMPOC VALLEY

WHEREAS, Volunteers for Inter-Valley Animals, Inc., also known as VIVA; was founded in October 1981. With the help of a growing legion of volunteers, VIVA initiated a program of humane activities including rescues, adoptions, and spay/neuter assistance, and has over the last 30 years grown to over 1,500 members and friends. VIVA started with only \$30.00 in the bank; but over the years has raised money through bake sales, B.B.Q.'s and generous donations from the community.

WHEREAS, Since inception, VIVA has built a new cat room, with cages, a high pressure washer system to help clean the dog runs and a puppy play area for the County Animal Shelter in Lompoc, they also ran a shuttle service to the Santa Barbara Humane Society in Goleta transporting cats and dogs to the clinic for low cost spay/neuter surgeries for three years, opened a cage-less no-kill cat shelter and thrift store on North D Street in Lompoc, holding pet adoption days every Saturday and established a retirement home called Sylvester House for cats whose owners can no longer care for them due to illness or death. The No-Kill Shelter, the thrift store and Sylvester House are all run entirely by volunteers and through donations of food, cleaning supplies, items for sale in the thrift store and money from the community, and;

WHEREAS, VIVA's ongoing project is building a feral sanctuary. They have the land required for the sanctuary, but need additional funds for fencing, outbuildings, and other necessities. Although they believe that Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is the most humane method of controlling the feral cat population, there are times when that option isn't viable as in the case of a rescued feral mother cat nursing a litter. This location, like their others is run strictly by volunteers and on donations.

WHEREAS, VIVA has directly helped over eight thousand animals due to the VIVA volunteers dedication and love for animals and the generosity of the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes VOLUNTEERS FOR INTER-VALLEY ANIMALS, INC. as they start their 30th year of service and commend them for their selfless commitment and devotion to the animals of the Lompoc Valley.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of November, 2011, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Waller
Clerk of the Board

L. J. O'Connell Supervisor - 1st District
Janet Wiley Supervisor - 2nd District
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