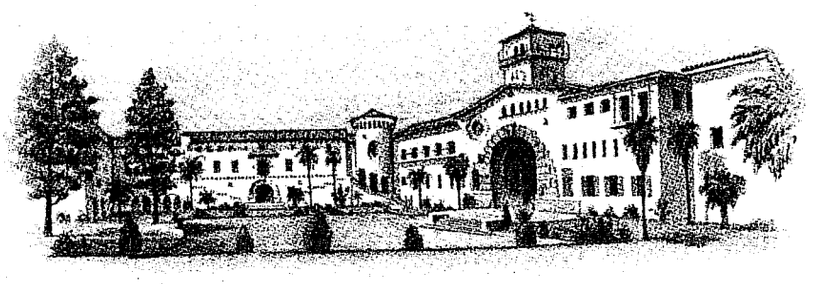

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2009 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, *May 2009 marks the 21st annual celebration of the National Foster Care Month campaign, providing an opportunity for people across the nation to get involved and to show their appreciation for the dedication of the foster families who care for the foster children and youth, the Foster Family Agencies who support them and the Social Service workers who provide for them; and*

WHEREAS, *in the U.S. there are 496,000 children in the Foster Care System, with over 500 of those children in Santa Barbara County Foster Care alone; and*

WHEREAS, *every child deserves a home where they are loved and nurtured in a safe environment, and every child deserves to belong to a family, especially those children who have suffered abuse or neglect; and*

WHEREAS, *we have an urgent need for volunteers and encourage the citizens of Santa Barbara County to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in Foster Care; and*

WHEREAS, *Foster families open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis; thus playing a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch children into successful adulthood; and*

WHEREAS, *we salute the compassionate people who make a difference by serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers. Thanks to these heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by families.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED *that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California recognize May 2009 as "Foster Care Month". Passed and adopted by all members present this 19th day of May 2009.*

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board