



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING
THE AAPLE ACADEMY
AT SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, The Accelerated Academic Program for Leadership and Enrichment (AAPLE) Academy was launched at San Marcos High School in 2010 with the approval of the Santa Barbara School District; and

WHEREAS, AAPLE was created by and is directed by Erik Nielson. It has grown to 132 students this year from the initial 30, with students representing all four high-school grade levels; and

WHEREAS, each grade-level cohort of 33 students matriculates through the AAPLE academic leadership program objectives together. Applicants are accepted based on academic performance, leadership involvement and/or potential, two essays, and two teacher recommendations; and

WHEREAS, AAPLE provides a structure that allows the highest achieving student leaders to meaningfully engage in our local community and create a school culture that celebrates excellence. The program's success is rooted in creative use of an "academic focus block" system, which combines Honors, Advanced Placement and Santa Barbara City College coursework; and

WHEREAS, AAPLE students also take part in team-building events locally and leadership symposia nationally. AAPLE not only provides a college eligibility plan for these students, but a pathway that increases admission likelihoods for the most rigorous universities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and recognizes the AAPLE Academy at San Marcos High School.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of February, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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