

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 18 AS SPACE ENTERPRISE DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Aerospace is vital to the economic growth and prosperity of California, contributing more than \$10 billion each year to our State's economy, an amount representing twenty-four percent of the world's aerospace market; and

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base contributes about \$1.7 billion annually to California's economy, and the launch activities that take place provide the surrounding communities with high-skilled jobs and a natural attraction for tourism; and

WHEREAS, The California Space Authority is proposing to build a multi-purpose California Space Center outside the main gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base with the goal of providing space related visitor attractions that highlight Santa Barbara County's past, present and future role in space exploration; and

WHEREAS, proposed exhibits for the Space Center would include displays such as a Space Education Multi-Purpose Area, a Launch Viewing Site, a Conference Center, a Mission Support Complex and a Chumash historical display highlighting the Tribe's culture and heritage on Vandenberg Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, engineers and businesses within California have worked to design, develop and manufacture both launch vehicles and satellites that will collect data to be utilized to enhance our national defense, monitor the Earth's environment, and expand global communication systems; and

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is rich in Chumash Indian history, once supporting a civilization of almost eighteen thousand people that spread throughout the Central Coast whose mythology included rich references to the sky and stars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as Space Enterprise Day in Santa Barbara County and further expresses unanimous support for the California Space Authority's concept of a multi-purpose California Space Center.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District