

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1  
"SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK"  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, the sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's near-shore marine ecosystem; and

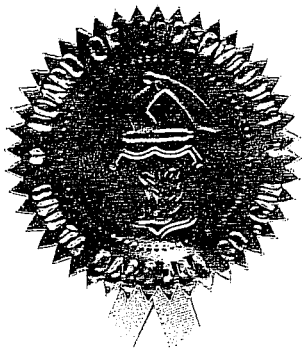
WHEREAS, Sea Otter Awareness Week teaches people about the integral role that sea otters play in the nearshore marine ecosystem and promotes research and conservation programs that protect sea otters and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, historically, sea otters numbered between several hundred thousand to more than a million, but due to the fur trade, worldwide numbers plummeted down to a total of 1000-2000 in the early 1900s. As of 2009, the three-year running average is approximately 2,800 southern sea otters off the coast of California, between 64,600 and 77,300 northern sea otters residing in Alaska, Canada and Washington, approximately 15,000 in Russia and less than a dozen in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 25 – October 1 as "Sea Otter Awareness Week" in Santa Barbara County and further encourages residents to learn more about the importance and benefits of Sea Otters for our local marine environment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6th day of September, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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