

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND ROSA PARKS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

Supervisor ~ 5th District

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks demonstrated courage, selflessness, and personal integrity when she refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery Alabama in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was subsequently arrested for her civil disobedience, galvanizing African-Americans to boycott the city bus system and energizing the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Rosa Parks emphasized nonviolence, love, and unity in the pursuit of justice and equality for all persons; and

WHEREAS, the Building Bridges Community Coalition, the UCSB Center for Black Studies, and the Santa Barbara County Human Relations Commission have joined together to honor Rosa Parks for her leadership, advocacy, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' protest on the bus, her arrest, the subsequent civil rights march and resulting desegregation of facilities will be re-enacted on February 18^{th} in front of the Santa Barbara Public Library by community members and students with the assistance of the Metropolitan Transit District; and

WHEREAS, presentations exemplifying Rosa Parks' tireless commitment to justice, equality, peace, freedom, spirituality, love and unity will be presented throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Public Library will feature a story time for the children of our community honoring the life of Rosa Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors celebrates Black History Month, the Civil Rights Movement, and Rosa Parks Day on February 18, 2006 and encourages all residents to join in the activities planned.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of February, 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: