

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
FEBRUARY 12, 2009
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)**

WHEREAS, in February 2009, the National Association for the Advancement of colored people (NAACP) celebrated a 100 year journey as the nation's oldest, largest and most effective civil rights advocacy organization-a legacy that has forever changed the landscape of American history; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Maria - Lompoc branch of the NAACP works within the mission of its charter to achieve same; and

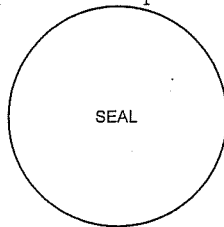
WHEREAS, for 100 years, the NAACP drew people of all races, nationalities and faiths united under one premise- that all men and women are created equal-enduring inhumanity and unspeakable pain, to clinch what seemed to be impossible victories in the struggle to bring an end to the lynching of African Americans and school segregation, and to win passage of the Voting Rights Act. which states that no person shall be denied the right to vote because of race or skin color, and.

WHEREAS, The NAACP efforts have led to the launch of new initiatives and programs aimed at eliminating disparities in education, economic development, healthcare, technology and many other issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, 55 years after the NAACP's founding, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act. This act made racial discrimination in public places illegal, and also required employers to provide equal employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, despite violence, oppression, trauma, intimidation and hostile government policies, the nation's beacon for social justice and it grass roots base of members has persevered; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED THAT THIS Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim February 12, 2009 the 100th anniversary of the NAACP, commending the NAACP for their courage and commitment to the fulfillment of freedom, justice and equality. Passed and adopted this 24th day of March 2009.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District