



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 2009 CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King was a champion for peace, justice, & equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King became a civil rights activist early in his career and led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott that ignited the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 Dr. King wrote the Letter from Birmingham Jail that eloquently expressed the urgent need to act in civil disobedience to oppose unjust laws, including segregation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his profound commitment to ending "the long night of racial injustice" through nonviolent resistance and to ending the scourge of poverty and war; and

WHEREAS, in his Nobel speech Dr. King called for "a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation" and for "an all-embracing and unconditional love" for all men and women;" and

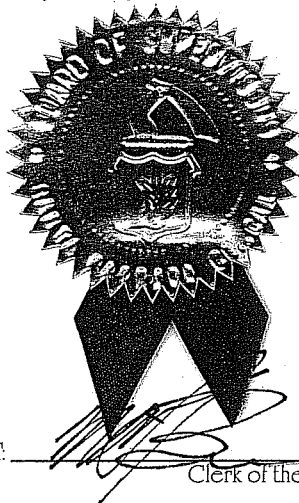
WHEREAS, Dr. King recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the election of the first African American President of the United States, Barack Obama, taking a significant step forward in overcoming racial prejudice; and

WHEREAS, presentations exemplifying Dr. King's commitment to making this nation a better place in which to live, where liberty & justice will someday be available to all, will be presented throughout the day all across America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and encourages all residents to reflect on this year's commemoration theme in Santa Barbara: "Justice: A Time to Act, a Call to Service."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of February, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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