



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County program have volunteered 15,156 hours of science-based horticultural assistance to the gardening public in Santa Barbara County since 1990; and

WHEREAS, each UCCE Master Gardener of Santa Barbara County successfully completes a 50-hour training program followed by an annual commitment to 25 hours of volunteer work and 12 hours of continuing education; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardeners are certified, non-paid volunteers who provide assistance to the public by telephone, at plant clinics, at Farmers' Markets, and at other venues with demonstrations, talks, and workshops on sustainable landscape practices; and

WHEREAS, public information resources offered by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County are science-based and include plant, pest and problem identification, compost production, and cultural practices for growing vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plants; and

WHEREAS, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County hosts approximately ten public workshops annually on various sustainable gardening topics of interest to the public and draws an average of 60 attendees from the public at each workshop, and

WHEREAS, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County vow to continue their volunteer educational work in 2012 with ten public workshops, advice table at the Saturday Farmers' Market, Earth Day participation, butterfly garden education at several locations, and helpline operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County for their continued dedication in advising, educating and assisting the public in our community on science-based, sustainable landscape matters and practices.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2012, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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