

***RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015 AS
ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY***

WHEREAS, dogs are recognized as man's best friend and all animals support the health and well being of their owners; and

WHEREAS, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) recognizes National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month through education and promotion, nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Animal Services provides responsible pet ownership education to pet owners in Santa Barbara County about the importance of licensing, vaccinating, spaying and neutering, and micro-chipping their animals; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,500 dogs pass through our Santa Barbara County Animal Services' Shelters every year after being found as stray or surrendered by their owners for various reasons; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Animal Services works collaboratively with local humane societies and animal rescue groups to promote responsible pet ownership, alleviate shelter overcrowding, and increase adoptions; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services realizes that shelter dogs are not broken, useless, or hopeless and shelter dogs are already spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, and ready to provide unconditional love once adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the significance of shelter dogs and the importance of National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and proclaim October 2015 as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this Twentieth day of October in 2015, by a unanimous vote of all members present.