

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
OF MARCH 7TH, 2005
AS ARBOR DAY**

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a long and prosperous history based upon agriculture and the tending of both annual and perennial plants for products as well as landscape benefits; and

WHEREAS, valuable landscape trees on both public and private lands are treasured, and considered to be essential living features contributing to the quality of life experience for the residents of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of our urban forest, county landscapes, and the man made beauty of the planted and developed landscape environments all add to the multiple values which together draw new residents and visitors to one of California's most beautiful counties; and

WHEREAS, four of the largest incorporated cities within Santa Barbara County have for many years been active and proud participants in the "Tree City U.S.A" program, sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and on January 5th, 2004, the County was officially granted Tree City USA status; and

WHEREAS, as governing stewards responsible for the planting and care of all trees growing on county public lands, as well as for promoting and encouraging the conservation of valuable trees growing on private lands; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, together with its Department of Public Works and Parks Department proclaim Monday March 7th, 2005 as ARBOR DAY throughout the entire county, and encourage all citizens to be aware of the multitude of values we all derive from the conscious acts of planting and properly maintaining landscape trees, and request that all institutions of primary and secondary education throughout the County seek ways to observe this important day and teach students about the value of trees in our lives.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this **1st day of March 2005**.