



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING PEACE CORPS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy by Executive Order on March 1, 1961, with a mission to promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals: (1) To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, (2) To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served, and (3) To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps partners with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges, and its Volunteers carry out people-to-people public service and citizen diplomacy at the grassroots level, addressing challenges in agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health, and youth development across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers return home as global citizens with unique cross-cultural perspectives, as well as leadership, language, teaching, and community development skills that provide value in today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, today, six decades after its founding, with over 240,000 Americans having served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 142 countries, the Peace Corps remains committed to its ideals, and its Volunteers leave a legacy in the lives and communities of the people they reach, educate, and inspire; and

WHEREAS, the University of California Santa Barbara has a long and solid history of producing Peace Corps Volunteers, and Santa Barbara County has a strong presence of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers with an active local Peace Corps Association; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Week is an annual event commemorating President Kennedy's establishment of the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, celebrating all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad, while renewing the agency's commitment to service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that in recognition of international Peace Corps Week and the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the Peace Corps, February 28-March 6, 2021, is hereby proclaimed "Peace Corps Week" in the County of Santa Barbara, and in doing so the Board of Supervisors commends the Santa Barbara Peace Corps Association, the Los Angeles Regional Peace Corps Office, and local Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for their roles in advancing the Peace Corps' mission locally in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 2nd day of March 2021, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Donna Reynolds

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