

**RESOLUTION HONORING COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)
FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND
CELEBRATING THEIR NEW LOCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has volunteers and staff in all geographical locations within the county, including office space in both Santa Barbara and Lompoc which are provided by and within County of Santa Barbara facilities; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are officers of the court, serving as the eyes, ears and very often, the heart of the court, by providing valuable information that might not otherwise be attained; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers strive to fulfill the program's mission to provide a safe, nurturing and permanent home to every abused and/or neglected child by providing them with a highly trained volunteer to advocate for them in the court system; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers fulfill the roles of fact finder, protector, friend and advocate for abused, neglected or abandoned children in CASA of Santa Barbara County, and serve as a voice, speaking only for the best interest of the child, therefore providing a "Light of Hope"; and

WHEREAS, CASA of Santa Barbara County is continually working to increase their awareness and the needs of the children they serve by providing information to legislators, church, civic and other community groups, policy makers, the public and developing additional programs across the county in order to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers epitomize the true spirit of child advocacy and have demonstrated enormous leadership in that field, as evidenced by the positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children because of their inexhaustible devotion and involvement in their lives; and

WHEREAS, through a county wide effort, CASA of Santa Barbara County community members join together throughout the month of April to raise awareness for those children who have fallen victim to abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors honors and recognizes CASA of Santa Barbara County for their dedication in spreading awareness, fulfilling the need of the most vulnerable children in our communities, and for exceptional training of volunteers whose continued support and dedication will make a positive impact in so many children's' lives **and** wishes them great success in their new office located at the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 11th day of April 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.