



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING
ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
UPON ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program (also known as ASAP) has provided the highest level of care to homeless cats and kittens of Southern Santa Barbara County since 1989, with a mission to eliminate euthanizing adoptable cats impounded at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter, by providing all necessary daily care, including medical intervention and placement in adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, ASAP was founded by a dedicated group of individuals who worked to save the lives of cats impounded at the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter. Within the first year of operation, they were able to cut the number of euthanized felines from 90% to 0% of the adoptable cats; and

WHEREAS, ASAP became the first municipal shelter in the U.S. to cease euthanizing adoptable cats for the sole purpose of population control. By the end of 1990, ASAP's adoption rate grew from 10% to 100% of adoptable cats; and

WHEREAS, ASAP continues to expand, with hundreds of dedicated staff members and volunteers who have helped care for thousands of cats over the last 30 years. Further, ASAP has expanded its reach to save cats and kittens in other Santa Barbara County shelters, when those shelters have been financially unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, ASAP has become a model in Santa Barbara County and animal rescue organizations nationwide for its excellent volunteer-driven care of shelter animals. It is an outstanding example of an effective and successful partnership between a municipal animal control agency and a private, 501c3 nonprofit organization engaged in the shared goal of caring for homeless and abandoned animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors commends the Animal Shelter Assistance Program upon its thirtieth anniversary, and thanks the organization and its members for their dedication to saving and improving the lives of Santa Barbara County's homeless and abandoned cats.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 9th Day of July, 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Clerk of the Board