



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING JONI MEISEL FOR THE 2009 ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

WHEREAS, Joni Meisel has been named as a recipient of the Anti-Defamation League 2009 Distinguished Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Joni Meisel, born and raised in Philadelphia and educated as a teacher at Penn State and Boston University, first taught school in Massachusetts, then obtained training in group dynamics, facilitation, and organizational development which have proved essential in her vast non-profit and for-profit efforts; and

WHEREAS, for the past 39 years, Joni Meisel has been involved in social services and educational organizations; Ms. Meisel joined the newly formed CALM Auxiliary upon arriving in Santa Barbara. Later she served as President of CALM's Auxiliary and Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Joni Meisel chaired the PTAs at La Colina Junior High School and San Marcos High School, as well as the Community Committee of the Junior League of Santa Barbara. When state budget constraints caused cutbacks in programs in the schools, Joni Meisel became involved in the newly created Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation (now Santa Barbara Education Foundation), where she chaired this organization during two separate terms on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Joni Meisel served on the Board of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Red Cross, and as Co-President of the Board of Trustees of Congregation B'nai B'rith, where she continues to teach a course in developing nonprofit leadership. She is also a member of the governing board of Bringing Our Community Home: the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Santa Barbara County. In addition, Joni also served two terms as Chair of the ADL Tri-Counties Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, Joni Meisel has been married to Paul for 46 years and counting. They have two adult children and six grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Joni Meisel for her outstanding contributions to our community and for being a recipient of the 2009 Anti-Defamation League Distinguished Community Service Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 20th day of October, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District