

*RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S
25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SENIORS
LIVING IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA*

Whereas, adults over the age of 85 are proportionately the fastest growing segment of our population and in Santa Barbara County there are 70,00 people over the age of 60 and as they age, their need for health and community based services increases; and

Whereas, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department offers 3 programs that serve older adults and their families in the least restrictive environment - preferably their home; and

Whereas, Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides care management services to frail, community dwelling seniors to help them remain at home safely and reduce unnecessary institutionalization; and

Whereas, Geriatric Assessment Program (GAP) provides comprehensive assessment and interventions that allow persons to remain at home with appropriate supportive services and allays the concern of families; and

Whereas, Preventive Health Care for the Aging (PHCA) provides preventive services via one to one clinical assessment and education that enables a senior to reach and maintain their optimum level of wellness; and

Whereas, in 2004, these programs combined served 2,144 people and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends the Public Health Department's 3 programs for older adults for an outstanding job of meeting the preventive health care, assessment, intervention and ongoing care management needs of over 2000 seniors and their families each year for over 25 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twenty-seventh day of September 2005, by unanimous vote of all members present.