

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 13 – 18, 2008 AS
PEACE WEEK IN THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY

WHEREAS, the People for Non-Violence, a local coalition founded in 1997 by Sister Janet Corcoran has sponsored this week long event to promote peace and nonviolence in the Santa Maria Valley; with the theme dedicated to "Peace by Peace: Building a Community of Peacemakers"; and

WHEREAS, we can help create peaceful communities by focusing on how we interact with our families, our neighbors and our co-workers, we can lessen violence and separation when we work together for the common goal; and

WHEREAS, to promote peace and harmony, we must learn to respect ourselves and others, to forgive, to make amends, to change, and to insure that we pass these values on to younger generations as we strive to make the world safer for them; and

WHEREAS, all the positive peace-building activities this year will begin October 13 with "Peace in the Community Day"- An Opening Ceremony and Community Breakfast including keynote speaker Judge Rogelio Flores, a presentation of the 7th Annual Peace Builder Award, musical performances and will conclude with a release of peace doves; October 14, "Inner Reflection Day"- A Musical Reflective Peace Service featuring musicians, vocalists and a choir to promote unity between different religions and philosophies; October 15, "If You Want Justice, Work for Peace Day"- Santa Maria Valley Restorative Justice Task Force will be holding it's 5th Annual Symposium; October 16, "Respect for Mother Earth Day"- A tree planting at Jim May Park as well as students picking up trash at various local school campuses and neighborhoods; October 18, "Respect for and Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day"- Entertainment, food, games, activities and more. Also on October 18, students in the 7th and 8th grade who pledge to be drug and alcohol free can attend "Free 4 the Weekend" which Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley is hosting at Saturn of Santa Maria.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim October 13-18, 2008 as "Peace Week" in the Santa Maria Valley and encourage everyone to participate. Passed and adopted this 7th day of

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 5th District