



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING MARIA LONG FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Maria Long is an accomplished professional whose creative vision and dedication to addressing issues of community concern and importance has raised the visibility and performances of some of our most well-known and respected community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Maria Long served as Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Santa Barbara County where she worked tirelessly and successfully to implement and expand upon the mission of CASA, which is to assure a safe, permanent, nurturing home for every abused and/or neglected child by providing a highly trained volunteer to advocate for them in the court system; and

WHEREAS, Maria's leadership at CASA demonstrated a commitment to a sound financial foundation and raising community support awareness for the essential programming that CASA provides to some of our most vulnerable and traumatized youth. This included securing funding of over \$1.4 million and increasing CASA's operating budget by 100% in three years, CASA receiving the largest grant award ever distributed from Women's Fund-SB, designing and executing the first "Forgotten Children" Campaign on the West Coast that was adopted by CASA nationwide, creating and running CASA's annual KTYD Mic-A-Thon, and aggressively maximizing media, education and outreach opportunities to build a stronger presence for CASA in the community; and

WHEREAS, Maria has advised and served on Boards of many of local community organizations including her active membership of the Strategic Planning Committee of Santa Barbara Girl's Inc., active membership on the Development Committee of the Santa Barbara Mental Health Association, volunteering for the Santa Barbara Braille Institute and the Santa Barbara Junior League, serving as the campaign director for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse "Mission for Mentors" Volunteer Telethon, and the Muscular Dystrophy Black & Blue Ball Committee; and

WHEREAS, Maria Long's honors include being personally featured in National CASA Magazine "The Connection", being nominated to the "Courage to Lead" Inaugural Group of Santa Barbara Nonprofit Executives in 2009, appointed to Santa Barbara County's Foster Care Blue Ribbon Commission in 2008 and receiving the Santa Barbara Grand Jury commendation for exceptional work at CASA in 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Maria Long for her service to local community based organizations and the residents they affect.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 22nd day of June, 2010 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