

# Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-91

## Resolution Recognizing April 19-25 as CASA Volunteer Appreciation Week

**WHEREAS**, for more than 30 years, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Santa Barbara County has worked to assure a safe, permanent, nurturing home for all abused and/or neglected children by providing a highly trained volunteer to advocate for them in the court system; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteer advocates are appointed by the juvenile court to represent the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect, ensuring their voices are heard in the **courtroom, classroom, and community**; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past year, CASA of Santa Barbara County served **550 children**, the highest number in the county's history, reflecting both the increasing need for child advocacy and the power of community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, this vital work was made possible through the dedication of **232 CASA volunteer advocates**, who together contributed **14,996 hours** of service to children in the dependency system; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated volunteers helped achieve **168 cases closing in a safe and permanent home**, offering long-term stability and hope to children throughout Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteers also submitted **1,079 court reports**, ensuring judges received critical, child-centered information when making decisions that profoundly affect the lives and futures of children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteers come from communities across Santa Barbara County and exemplify the spirit of compassion, civic engagement, and commitment that strengthens our entire region; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Appreciation Week provides an important opportunity to honor these individuals who give generously of their time, talents, and hearts to support and uplift children in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes **CASA of Santa Barbara County and its volunteers** for their extraordinary service and declares April 19 - 25 as **Volunteer Appreciation Week** in Santa Barbara County, honoring the profound impact CASA volunteers make in the lives of vulnerable children.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026, by unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Nizasati*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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