



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING MARA VISHNIAC KOHN FOR HER INSPIRATION FOR PORTRAITS OF SURVIVAL: LIFE JOURNEYS DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND BEYOND

WHEREAS, Mara Vishniac Kohn's visionary leadership helped bring Portraits of Survival: Life Journeys During the Holocaust and Beyond, a permanent educational exhibit depicting in photography the life journeys of nearly all Santa Barbara residents who are survivors and refugees of Nazi persecution, to our community; and

WHEREAS, Mara Vishniac Kohn inspired Portraits of Survival, and brought the concept to the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Portraits of Survival has educated more than 5,000 visitors, including middle, high school, college and graduate students, as well as, adults and interfaith groups; and

WHEREAS, the Portraits of Survival project has grown to include docent-led discussions, first-hand accounts from survivors and refugees, educators' conference, films and a Holocaust resource library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Mara Vishniac Kohn for her visionary leadership and urges all men, women, and children to follow the example of the survivors by practicing tolerance through education, compassion and right action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 4th day of November, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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