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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF THE PUEBLO EDUCATION FUND'S IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County there are many immigrants who live and work in our community and these immigrant neighbors and coworkers deserve to live lives of dignity; and

WHEREAS, efforts to build bridges of understanding between our diverse communities is a moral and ethical obligation in a civil society. Learning to act with empathy has historically advanced our society and understanding the lives of those who live in the shadows of our community is an important way to learn empathy; and

WHEREAS, the PUEBLO Education Fund has enabled the Immigration Committee of PUEBLO to publish a book: In the Shadows of Paradise: Testimonies from the Undocumented Immigrant Community in Santa Barbara to aid us in understanding the lives and humanity of those in our undocumented immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, these stories ask us to engage in a civil dialogue about immigration by showing us the real lives of people who have sought a better life in this county includes stories from Latino immigrants that range from those who were carried here as babies in the arms of their parents to those who decided to come as adults; and

WHEREAS, this book provides a unique opportunity to advance the dialogue on immigration in this community and nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognize the PUEBLO Education Fund's Immigration Committee for it's outstanding work in publishing In the Shadows of Paradise, and reaffirms its commitment to addressing the issues of immigration in Santa Barbara by calling for a civil dialogue on immigration that acknowledges the humanity of those in our undocumented immigrant community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of April, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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