



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup> THROUGH APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> 2006, AS VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

*WHEREAS, crime and fear of crime continue to be serious problems for the citizens of California; and*

*WHEREAS, the criminal justice system would fail to function without the cooperation of victims and witnesses; and*

*WHEREAS, a fair and balanced criminal justice system must ensure that the needs and rights of victims are not overlooked in the process of protecting the rights of the accused; and*

*WHEREAS, California has established Victim Witness Assistance centers throughout the State to assist victims and to reduce their trauma; and*

*WHEREAS, victims and witnesses who have suffered loss and trauma deserve fair and sensitive treatment by representatives of the criminal justice system; and*

*WHEREAS, the observance of Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to inform the public of the problems, needs, and rights of victims and witnesses, and of the range of services and assistance available, and to acknowledge the efforts of concerned citizens, law makers and the criminal justice system to provide and continue to improve those services;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be proclaimed Victims' Rights Week.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2006, by the following votes:**



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor ~ 1st District

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Supervisor ~ 2nd District

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Supervisor ~ 3rd District

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Supervisor ~ 4th District

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Supervisor ~ 5th District