



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King led a life of courage, selflessness, and personal integrity and was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, 40 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King's life was tragically ended by an assassin's bullet and it is now to time to ask ourselves if we are living the dream of Dr. King and those who fought alongside him; and

WHEREAS, in 1957 Dr. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an association dedicated to enacting and ensuring civil rights through non-violent civil disobedience principles practiced by Mahatma Gandhi; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1963 Dr. King delivered his "I have a dream" speech in front of 250,000 civil rights supporters at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial during the march on Washington. His speech is now a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and is credited with gathering support for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other equality and social justice achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King's words and actions continue to inspire our country to unite with one voice and work together to fulfill his dream of a country and a world where "children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, presentations exemplifying Dr. King's commitment to justice, equality, peace, freedom, spirituality, love and unity will be presented throughout the day all across America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and encourages all residents to reflect on this year's commemoration theme "40 years later, are we still living the dream?".

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of January, 2008 by unanimous vote of all members present.



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