

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ) RESOLUTION NO. 00-  
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY )  
IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA )

WHEREAS, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”) v. Dale, affirmed the right of the BSA, a private organization, to exclude gay boys and adult leaders from membership, under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. In its position statement, BSA asserts that gays do not provide a desirable role model for the values espoused in the Scout Oath and Law and therefore bans gay boys and men as members or as leaders of the BSA; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has long been committed to ensuring that all residents, regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, physical or cognitive ability, medical condition or socio-economic status, have an opportunity to equally partake of the benefits of living and working in Santa Barbara County without being subjected to discrimination, prejudice and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the policies and actions of the BSA are contrary to this commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Board of Supervisors does hereby find the discriminatory policy and actions of the National Organization of Boy Scouts of America incompatible with the anti-discriminatory policies of the County of Santa Barbara and insupportable by the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twentieth day of March, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEPHEN SHANE STARK  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Counsel