



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF AARP CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 40,000,000 members that is dedicated to improving the quality of life of people who are 50 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired educator from California, founded AARP in 1958 to promote independence, dignity, and purpose for older people in the United States and to encourage current and future generations 'to serve, not to be served'; and

WHEREAS, the mission of AARP is to enhance the quality of life of all people as they age, to promote positive social change, and to deliver value to its members through information, advocacy, and service; and

WHEREAS, AARP's statewide "army of useful citizens" includes thousands of volunteers who offer courses in money management and safe driving, assistance in tax preparation, advocacy services, job training, intergenerational education, community rebuilding, home visitation, and nonpartisan voter education; and

WHEREAS, AARP has amplified its members' voices on issues of state-wide importance such as high quality and affordable health care, lifetime financial security, and consumer protection and helped to foster proactive policies enabling California residents to achieve a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, AARP exemplifies the belief that diversity in age, economic status, attitudes, ability, and lifestyles is a source of strength for this state and nation and further advocates for an economic environment that supports and promotes the potential of mature workers; and

WHEREAS, AARP works to develop strong communities that are characterized by affordable and appropriate housing, ease of mobility, and features and services that support the lives and lifestyles of people of all ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors commends AARP for 50 years of outstanding service to people aged 50 and older and further recognizes AARP's commitment to serving future generations.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of November, 2008 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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