RESOLUTION NO. 24-6



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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LOMPOC TEEN CENTER

WHEREAS, the Lompoc Teen Center provides a safe-space for at-risk teens (7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to achieve academic success and college readiness and helps to broaden the horizons of Lompoc youth through programs and excursion activities; and

WHEREAS, the Center was inaugurated in June 2022 under the leadership of Director Mitch Torina and Founder Cliff Lambert, alongside board members Charles Rogers, Jake Brown, Kent Wojciechoski, Alexandra Magana, and Carla Miller, and has become a pivotal institution for Lompoc youth; and

WHEREAS, the "Yes I Can - Si se puede" afterschool tutorial program at the Center successfully bridges learning gaps, and has served more 150 students and counting; and

WHEREAS, the Center provides skill-building programing beyond academic tutoring like peer-topeer leadership cultivation; and

WHEREAS, the Center has awarded more than \$42,000 in scholarships to students participating in its Leadership Fellows program; and

WHEREAS, the Center's success is attributed to collaborative partnerships with organizations like the Endowment for Youth Community, True Vine Bible Fellowship, Lompoc Unified School District, Ken Slaught from Investec, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Mosher Foundation, the G.A. Fowler Family Foundation, and the Ann Jackson Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the recent grand re-opening of the Center in the heart of Lompoc will undoubtedly have a profoundly positive impact on the lives of Lompoc Youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County recognizes and expresses gratitude to individuals, organizations, and foundations supporting the Lompoc Teen Center, recognizing its transformative impact on local teenagers and significant contributions to the community, providing a safe haven, academic support, and leadership development opportunities and significant contributions to the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, on January 23, 2024, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

