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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE
SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association is a non-profit organization established in 2006 with the mission of 1) encouraging, supporting, and sanctioning ocean swimmers from all over the world attempting to swim across the Santa Barbara Channel or between the Channel Islands; and 2) raising funds for local ocean-caring non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association is the only organization to organize channel swims across the Santa Barbara Channel and has established contacts throughout the international marathon swimming community, thus increasing interest in and the credibility of the Santa Barbara Channel as a destination swim in the same league as the English Channel; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association created the first historical record of successful swims across the Santa Barbara Channel and the number of recorded swims has increased from eight crossings between 1978 and 2003 to twenty-seven crossings between 2004 and August of 2008 by swimmers from the USA, England, Ireland, Germany, Australia, India, and Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association sponsors an annual BIG SWIM relay across the Santa Barbara Channel that has raised over \$100,000 dedicated for local ocean-caring non-profit organizations including the Community Environmental Council, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper, Environmental Defense Center, Maritime Museum, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, and Heal the Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association sponsors and participates in local ocean swimming events including the annual 6x6 Santa Barbara Channel Relay Swim Race in September and weekly group swims for swimmers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of local swimmers, kayakers, observers, organizers, sponsors, and other participants, both local and international, have worked hard to make the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association and its events successful;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association for its dedicated service to promoting our community as a "Swimmer's Paradise" and further commends its founder Emilio Casanueva, its Board of Directors, and its many volunteers for working to protect and enhance our local marine environment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of October, 2008 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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