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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2006 AS SANTA MARIA VALLEY'S PEACE WEEK

WHEREAS, the People for Non-Violence, a local coalition founded by Sister Janet Corcoran in 1997 has sponsored this week long event to promote peace and nonviolence in Santa Maria Valley; and this award winning program continues to this day with the theme dedicated to "Peace by Peace: Building a Community of Peacemakers"; and

WHEREAS, we can help create peaceful communities by focusing on how we interact with our families, our neighbors and our co-workers, we can lessen violence and separation when we work together for the common goal; and

WHEREAS, to promote peace and harmony, we must learn to respect ourselves and others, to forgive, to make amends, to change, and to insure that we pass these values on to younger generations as we strive to make the world safer for them; and

WHEREAS, all the positive peace-building activities this year will begin October 16 with "Peace through the Eyes of Our Children Day"- An Opening Ceremony and Community Breakfast including youth performances, a keynote speaker, the annual Peace Builder Award, and concludes with a release of peace doves; October 17, "Respect for Mother Earth Day"- tree planting by children and adults that is symbolizing respect and renewal of the earth to celebrate living in harmony with nature; October 19, "Inner Reflection Day"- Ecumenical Reflective Peace Service" a musical service focusing on Peace and Justice; October 21, "Respect for and Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day"- performances, music, food, activities; October 22, "Peace in the Community Day"- candle light walk and vigil.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim October 16-22, 2006 as "Peace Week" in the Santa Maria Valley and encourage everyone to participate. Passed and adopted this 10th day of October 2006.

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