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## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL
RESEARCH AND SYNTHESIS FOR ITS COMMITMENT
TO SCHOLARLY ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, in 1996, the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) was established at U.C. Santa Barbara to promote a greater understanding of natural systems and promote collaboration among many disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the generous support from the National Science Foundation and other major contributors have provided NCEAS the opportunity to fulfill its primary mission of organizing and synthesizing ecological information in a manner useful to researchers, students, resource managers and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, thousands of scientists and students from around the world have come to Santa Barbara to share their data and participate in NCEAS research projects that impact on our knowledge and understanding of the biosphere; and

WHEREAS, NCEAS is a leader in developing information management and analysis tools that provide powerful access to a broad array of environmentally pertinent data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honor and commend the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis for its outstanding commitment to advancing the state of ecological knowledge.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this  $7^{th}$  day of November, 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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