

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING LOS PADRES FORESTWATCH UPON 10 YEARS OF CALFORNIA

PROTECTING THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, the Los Padres National Forest covers nearly two million acres of the Central Coast of California, including more than half of the land base of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, these public lands provide our farms and communities with sources of clean water, offer exciting outdoor recreation opportunities, provide places for our children to learn and explore, serve as a refuge for a variety of plants and wildlife, boost our local economy with tourism dollars, and enhance our overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Los Padres ForestWatch is the only local nonprofit organization working solely to protect wildlife, watersheds, and wilderness throughout the Los Padres National Forest for present and future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Los Padres ForestWatch advocates for strong protections for our region's public lands, collaborates with stakeholders, informs the community and inspires residents throughout the County to become more involved in national forest management; and

WHEREAS, Los Padres ForestWatch has safeguarded more than 100,000 acres of national forest lands while protecting wildlife habitat, cleaning up trash, and restoring degraded areas of the forest by enlisting more than 700 volunteers who contributed more than 5,000 hours of community service to make the forest a better place for us all;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County honors Los Padres ForestWatch for its ten years of protecting the land, wildlife, and watersheds throughout the Los Padres National Forest.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4th day of November, 2014 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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