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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a life of exemplary courage, selflessness, and personal integrity and was a leader of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2012 communities across the United States will come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King and his leadership in the movement to secure civil rights and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Committee of Santa Barbara County has invited all residents of Santa Barbara County to join in a celebration and community march from De la Guerra Plaza, up State Street, to the historic Arlington Theatre to commemorate Dr. King and his commitment to justice, equality, peace, freedom, spirituality, and love and to reflect on the continued importance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1957 Dr. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an association dedicated to enacting and ensuring civil rights through non-violent civil disobedience principles practiced by Mahatma Gandhi; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1963 Dr. King delivered his "I have a dream" speech in front of 250,000 civil rights supporters at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington. His speech is now a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's and is credited with gathering support for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other equality and social justice achievements; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Dr. King was arrested for his participation in a rally to end segregation at lunch counters in Birmingham, Alabama. While incarcerated, he wrote Letter from Birmingham Jail, in which he powerfully articulated the founding principles and necessity of the Civil Rights Movement with his compelling words "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and encourages all residents to participate in scheduled community events.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 17th day of January, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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