



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING THE ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPON THEIR 25th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program (also known as A.S.A.P) has been providing the highest level of care to the homeless cats and kittens of southern Santa Barbara County since 1989, with a mission of eliminating the killing of adoptable cats impounded at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter by providing daily care, medical rehabilitation and adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program was founded in 1989 by a dedicated core of volunteers working to save the lives of the cats impounded at the Santa Barbara shelter. Said volunteers were able to reduce the euthanasia rate from 90% of adoptable cats to 0% adoptable cats within a year; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program became the first municipal shelter in the U.S. to stop the killing of adoptable cats for the sole purpose of population control. By the end of 1990, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program's adoption rate leapt from 10% to 100% of adoptable cats; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program has continued to grow, involving many hundreds of volunteers in the care of many thousands of cats over the following twenty five years; It has expanded its reach to take in and save many hundreds of cats and kittens from other Santa Barbara County shelters whose resources have not been sufficient to the demand; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Assistance Program has become a model in Santa Barbara County and beyond for high quality, volunteer-driven care of shelter animals. It is a model of a successful partnership between a municipal animal control agency and a private, 501c3 nonprofit engaged in the shared goal of caring for homeless and abandoned animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends the Animal Shelter Assistance Program upon its 25th anniversary and thanks the Program and its members for their dedication to saving and improving the lives of Santa Barbara County's homeless and abandoned cats.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of April, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

John D. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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