

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 24, 2006, WORLD TB DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, world-wide more people die from Tuberculosis disease each year than any other curable infectious disease in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, 2900 active TB cases were reported in California, of which 26 active cases were reported locally in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 percent of Tuberculosis cases in California are resistant to at least one commonly used TB drug, and these potentially lethal Multi-Drug resistant (MDR) strains of tuberculosis have been identified in Santa Barbara County. California reported 37 MDR cases in 2004; and

WHEREAS, household members, health care employees and other institutional workers who share the air of infectious tuberculosis patients are at risk of becoming infected; and

WHEREAS, given global travel and immigration patterns and the airborne spread of TB, public health departments must continue to be prepared for the control of TB; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services Tuberculosis Control Branch, the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association and the American Lung Association developed a strategic plan for the control and elimination of TB in California; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Tuberculosis Control Program continues to work to develop and implement strategies for prevention, surveillance, control and treatment of Tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day held annually on March 24th, is an occasion for people around the world to raise awareness about the international collaborative efforts of all countries involved in fighting TB.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim, March 24, 2006, World TB Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Burbara County, State of California, this twenty-first day of March 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor ~ 5th District

Solerk of the Board