



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 21-27
"SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK"
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's near-shore marine ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the health of the near-shore marine ecosystem has raised public interest in the sea otter; and

WHEREAS, disease from a variety of sources, including land-based biological pathogens, accounts for approximately 40% of the mortality for California sea otters in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 21-27 as Sea Otter Awareness Week in Santa Barbara County and further encourages residents to learn more about the importance and benefits of Sea Otters for our local marine environment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2nd day of September, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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 Clerk of the Board

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