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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GREEN AWARDS FOR 2006

WHEREAS, 2006 marks the 13th year that Santa Barbara County has presented the GREEN AWARDS to businesses across the county who strive to run their companies in an environmentally friendly manner. This year there are five winners of the Santa Barbara County Green Award, and;

WHEREAS, the first winner is **THE FAMILY SCHOOL** in Los Olivos. The Family School has had a commitment to environmental education for more than 31 years. This commitment is reflected in multiple projects on the school's campus some of which include: a "Green" building that uses solar power; a recycle program including a worm bin for composting that each 5th grade class maintains and the use of only herbal based supplies and vinegar and water for cleaning at the school. The Family School recycles everything accepted by the county's waste facilities and holds annual Earth Day events, and;

WHEREAS, the second winner is **THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT "THE BILTMORE"** in Santa Barbara. In 2005 The Four Seasons Resort achieved ISO 140001 certification. This certification reflects a rigorous and comprehensive commitment by a business to minimize harmful effects on the environment. Some of the Four Seasons' environmental actions include: replacement of energy – intensive lighting with LED lights, placing recycling bins in guest corridor closets, a recycling program in the pool kitchen and incentives to employees to use alternate transportation such as subsidy of half the cost for monthly MTD passes, and;

WHEREAS, the third winner is **MARIAN MEDICAL CENTER** in Santa Maria. Marian won their first Green Award in 1999 and has since implemented several new programs to earn them their second Green Award. Some of Marian's new programs include: green waste and plastics recycling programs that have so far diverted a combined total of 223,560 pounds of material from our landfills; reduced use of toxic material by eliminating equipment containing mercury, and a disposal program for expired medicines to prevent them from going into the wastewater stream, and;

WHEREAS, the fourth winner is **NWA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION, INC.** in Carpinteria. NWA is a landscape architectural firm that incorporates environmental practices in all aspects of its business. Some of these practices include: the use of biodiesel-powered vehicles, gray water drip irrigation; organic gardening practices such as using organic herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, drought-tolerant plants and using recycled concrete. They also recycle everything from plastic containers to shredded paper and return black plastic plant container to the nurseries for reuse, and;

WHEREAS, the fifth winner is **VAN ATTA ASSOCIATES, INC. (VAA)** in Santa Barbara. VAA is a Landscape architectural firm that specializes in sustainable landscape architecture for its clients and has made a commitment to sustainability in its own business practices. Some of VAA's programs include: their building in Santa Barbara which is a "Green" building that incorporates water and energy conservation features; rain water collection from the roof and planting of native drought – tolerant plants. The building also uses natural lighting, natural ventilation and energy star appliances. VAA also recycles 75% of their normal office waste and encourages the use of alternate transportation by its employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes and congratulates the winners of the **2006 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GREEN AWARDS. PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 26th day of September, 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present.