



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012 AS
ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, dogs are recognized as man's best friend and all animals support the health and well being of their owners; and

WHEREAS, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) recognizes National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month through education and promotion, nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Animal Services provides responsible pet ownership education to pet owners in Santa Barbara County about the importance of licensing, vaccinating, spaying and neutering their animals; and

WHEREAS, responsible pet owners follow California state law and vaccinate against rabies **and** license all dogs over four months of age; and

WHEREAS, nearly 4,700 dogs pass through our Santa Barbara County Animal Services' Shelters every year after being found as stray or surrendered by their owners for various reasons; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Animal Services works collaboratively with local Humane Societies and animal rescue groups to promote responsible pet ownership, alleviate shelter overcrowding, and increase adoptions; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services realizes that shelter dogs are not broken, useless, or hopeless; and

WHEREAS, shelter dogs are already spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, and ready to provide unconditional love once adopted; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Animal Services is offering adoption discounts on the adoption of all shelter dogs for the entire month of October in honor of National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the significance of shelter dogs and the importance of National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and proclaim October 2012 as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this Sixteenth day of October in 2012, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandia Walker
Clerk of the Board

Leo Cline
Supervisor - 1st District
Jane Wolf
Supervisor - 2nd District
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Supervisor - 3rd District
Joni Gray
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