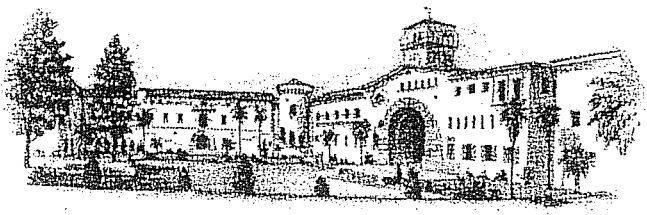


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2010 AS PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS the theme for Social Work Month 2010 is "Social Workers Inspire Community Action", recognizing nationally each person as relevant to society and believing that, when needed, society should help each person achieve his or her fullest potential;

WHEREAS social workers are society's safety net, providing vital resources and support to those who need it most twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, three hundred sixty-five days per year;

WHEREAS Career Employment Specialists assist, guide, and motivate under-employed and out of work jobseekers to achieve work readiness by assessing strengths, coordinating training and supportive services, mitigating barriers to self-sufficiency, and inspiring hope during a time of economic hardship and record high unemployment in California;

WHEREAS Adult Protective Services social workers in 2009 responded to 1494 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse in Santa Barbara County, helping to maintain these vulnerable adults safely in their own homes by promoting optimal health and safety and by working closely with a multitude of agencies and community resources to preserve assets of up to \$100,000, and upon occasion in excess of \$1,000,000, for vulnerable individuals in our communities;

WHEREAS Cal-Learn Career Employment Specialists provided case management services to an average of 102 minor parents per month in 2009 to address the unique educational, vocational, training, health, and social service needs of CalWORKs dependent pregnant teens and teen parents, encouraging these teens to earn their high school diploma or its equivalent as a first step towards self-sufficiency;

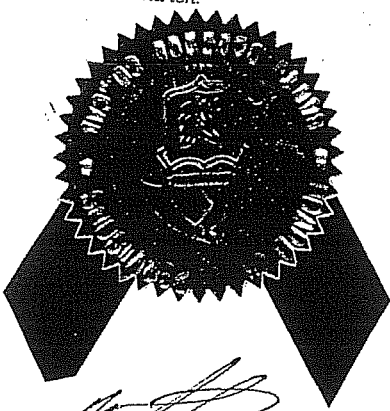
WHEREAS Child Welfare social workers evaluated more than 4,000 referrals alleging child abuse or neglect in the past year and provided an in-person investigation on 88% of those referrals in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children in our Santa Barbara County communities;

WHEREAS Adoption and Child Welfare social workers provided ongoing case management and supportive services in conjunction with our community partners to more than 875 children and their families in 2009 through the programs of family preservation, family maintenance, family reunification, and/or permanent placement services including assisting more than 103 children to secure a family for life through adoption;

WHEREAS Career Employment Specialists in the Welfare-to-Work Program provided employment and training case management services to an average of 1740 adults per month in 2009, and in the Workforce Investment Act Program, with Partner Agency collaboration, helped to support over 60,000 visits to local Workforce Resource Centers in 2009, by utilizing strong collaborative partnerships with community agencies, training providers, and local community colleges;

WHEREAS In Home Supportive Services social workers assisted more than 1,700 eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals through the application process and maintained benefits for almost 2,900 elderly or disabled citizens of Santa Barbara County in 2009 who without this service would be unable to remain safely in their own homes. By providing assistance with daily tasks of living such as homemaker and personal care services, In-Home Supportive Services maintains quality of life while avoiding the more costly alternative of institutionalization;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, recognize March 2010 as PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH, in celebration and support of our County's social workers and their dedication to individuals, families, and our community. Passed and adopted by all members present this twenty-third day of March, two thousand and ten.



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