

# Santa Barbara County of



**Resolution Recognizing April 19-25 as CASA Volunteer Appreciation Week**

**WHEREAS**, for more than 30 years, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Santa Barbara County has worked to assure a safe, permanent, nurturing home for all abused and/or neglected children by providing a highly trained volunteer to advocate for them in the court system; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteer advocates are appointed by the juvenile court to represent the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect, ensuring their voices are heard in the courtroom, classroom, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past year, CASA of Santa Barbara County served **550 children**, the highest number in the county's history, reflecting both the increasing need for child advocacy and the power of community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, this vital work was made possible through the dedication of **232 CASA volunteer advocates**, who together contributed **14,996 hours** of service to children in the dependency system; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated volunteers helped achieve **168 cases closing in a safe and permanent home**, offering long-term stability and hope to children throughout Santa Barbara County; and

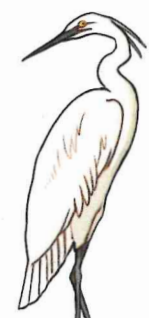
**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteers also submitted **1,079 court reports**, ensuring judges received critical, child-centered information when making decisions that profoundly affect the lives and futures of children in foster care; and



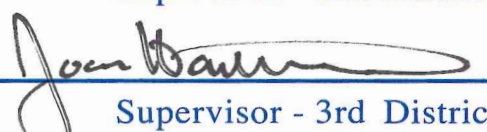

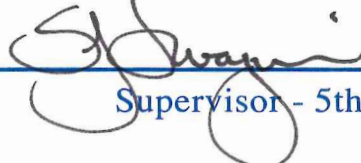
**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteers come from communities across Santa Barbara County and exemplify the spirit of compassion, civic engagement, and commitment that strengthens our entire region; and


**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Appreciation Week provides an important opportunity to honor these individuals who give generously of their time, talents, and hearts to support and uplift children in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes **CASA of Santa Barbara County and its volunteers** for their extraordinary service and declares April 19 - 25 as **Volunteer Appreciation Week** in Santa Barbara County, honoring the profound impact CASA volunteers make in the lives of vulnerable children.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026, by unanimous vote of all members present.



  
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 ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

