RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 24, 2008 WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, TUBERCULOSIS is a global respiratory infectious disease, each year nearly 2 million people die and approximately 2 billion people, about one-third of the world's population, are infected with the TB microbe; and

WHEREAS, internationally we are making progress on TB as the rate of new cases of TB world-wide have leveled-off for the first time since the World Health Organization began collecting data and the rate at which TB is detected has doubled since 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, 14 active TB cases were reported in Santa Barbara Count, a decrease from 82 cases in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Disease Control staff take a proactive approach in the rapid identification, isolation, and treatment of active cases of TB as well as the investigation of contacts of those with active TB; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Tuberculosis Control Program continues to work to develop and implement strategies for prevention, surveillance, control and treatment; and

WHEREAS, we continue to commit ourselves to the elimination of TB in partnership with the Stop TB Partnerships Global Plan to Stop TB along with continued proactive activities along with new and more effective drugs, diagnostics and vaccines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim, March 24, 2008, as World Tuberculosis Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twenty-fifth day of March 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.