



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, April 2014 marks the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the State of California's fair housing law and the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal civil rights law providing equal housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal housing laws were enacted to protect and to ensure that a fair choice of housing was available to all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, sexual preference, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or any other arbitrary basis of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is committed to ensuring that all of its residents are apprised and knowledgeable of their rights and responsibilities with respect to fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, local non-profit organizations such as the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, the Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force, the Rental Housing Roundtable, and the Isla Vista Tenant's Union have provided vital services to Santa Barbara County residents regarding fair housing as well as legal assistance and mediations to resolve rental housing disputes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in addition to nationally recognizing April as Fair Housing Month, is also currently promoting fair housing laws through the launch of a national University Fair Housing Education and Outreach Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes April 2014 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Santa Barbara, and urges all members of the community to educate themselves on the rights and responsibilities relating to fair housing in celebration of this observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of April, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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