

UPON THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY

## Y OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING THE CALIFORNIA ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara takes pleasure in recognizing the Anti-Defamation League on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this invaluable organization has spent the past century working to eradicate prejudice, racism, and bigotry of all forms; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1913 to fight the defamation of the Jewish people, the league in its early years targeted quotas limiting the admission of Jews to American colleges and universities and fought the exclusion of Jews from specific neighborhoods and professions; and

WHEREAS, in the 1930s, the league took on the mantle of fighting for American democracy; responding to the rise of fascist and nativist groups, it established a research division that monitored and exposed extremists, and operation that is still in existence today; and

WHEREAS, from the 1940s through the 1960s, the group worked particularly closely with African Americans, helping black citizens navigate the judicial and legislative systems and working to expose acts plotted by the Ku Klux Klan. In the 1970s, the league opened offices in Israel and worked against a boycott of companies doing business with Israel; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League later launched its A World of Difference Institute and has helped innumerable students around the globe learn how to fight bias and hatred; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has spent the past century defending the downtrodden, regardless of race, creed, or religion, and it is highly deserving of praise and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends the Anti-Defamation League on the occasion of its  $100^{th}$  anniversary and extends to its members sincere best wishes for the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

Clerk of the Board

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