

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMENDATION
AND APPRECIATION OF JOSEPH "JOE" WALTERS, LCSW
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Joe Walters has provided outstanding service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County since April 8, 1985 as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Mental Health Practitioner; Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, Joe Walters' work has consistently reflected his commitment to achieve excellence in providing services for the citizens of Santa Barbara County to alleviate the suffering that mental illness places upon them, therefore we appreciate his many years of service toward that end; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Walters exemplifies the ACE principles in his management style by promoting fiscal accountability, efficiency, management skills, and customer service; and

WHEREAS, Joe Walters by personal example conveys humanitarian ideals as a clinician and administrator to those with whom he has been entrusted; his clientele, colleagues and staff, and has done so with integrity and excellence. He is a person of sensitivity and one who is ever mindful of the importance of dignity, respect, equality and fairness to all; and

WHEREAS, Joe Walters has developed for clinic staff a team work atmosphere of trust, respect and self-care and was genuinely concerned for each child and family served by the clinic; and

WHEREAS, Joe Walters has a comprehensive and state-of-the-art knowledge of the practice of mental health services and promotes open communications and relationships based on trust and respect with clients and members of their family, as an advocate for inclusion of other departments, professionals and community agencies in the care of our citizens, we commend his efforts to be a pro-active, creative and accountable public servant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, on the 16th day of September 2008, does hereby recognize JOSEPH 'JOE' WALTERS' 23 years of service and has our gratitude and best wishes for a satisfying retirement and success in all future endeavors.