

**RESOLUTION HONORING CALIFORNIA INVASIVE PESTS ACTION WEEK**  
**June 6 - 14, 2015**

*WHEREAS, invasive pests includes insects, plant diseases, and weeds that negatively impact native fish and wildlife populations, water resources, and recreational opportunities by out-competing and/or preying upon native species, displacing native plant populations, altering communities and ecosystem processes, including hydrologic and fire regimes, clogging waterways, and degrading native habitats, water quality, recreational experiences, and aesthetic values; and*

*WHEREAS, invasive pests are detrimental to California's agricultural industry and the economy by damaging crops, increasing production costs, and reducing yields, as well as by increasing operational costs for municipalities, hydroelectric power generation, and infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS, the annual cost of invasive pests to the economy of the United States is estimated at \$120 Billion, and the annual cost of impacts and control efforts are estimated to equal 5% of the world's economy; and*

*WHEREAS, local County Agricultural Commissioner's working in collaboration with the Board, other agencies, businesses, non-profits, concerned public, and agricultural industry are dedicated to excluding and controlling invasive pests; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of preserving unique natural lands, rare species, native plant communities and wildlife for this and future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby support all efforts to exclude and prevent the spread of invasive pests, and encourages collaboration with groups to prevent the spread of invasive pests, and efforts to educate the public to further the control of invasive pests; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby designates the week of June 6 through June 14, 2015, as **CALIFORNIA INVASIVE PESTS ACTION WEEK** in Santa Barbara County

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*