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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2008 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 44th Anniversary of the State of California's fair housing law and the 40th anniversary of the federal civil rights law providing equal housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal housing laws were enacted 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; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is recognizing the nation's fair housing laws by holding events this month on how fair housing can help foster diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the County has continued its successful relationship with the Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force which since 1976 has been dedicated to resolving rental housing disputes by offering mediation services and information on landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognize April 2008 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, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 5th District