



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF COLAB CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (COLAB) was established in 1991 as a nonprofit corporation dedicated to creating and maintaining a balance between economic and environmental interests in the government decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, COLAB has over 1,300 members countywide from labor, agriculture and business, and has successfully bridged the gap between the northern and southern portions of the county and is considered one of the most powerful advocates in the county on behalf of business interests; and

WHEREAS, COLAB serves to preserve and protect the constitutional rights of all citizens and has been a consistent watchdog of government, especially Santa Barbara County government; and

WHEREAS, COLAB through its executive director, J. Andrew Caldwell, has made many appearances before the Board of Supervisors, bringing to the attention of the public and the Supervisors a perspective that represents the interests and issues of many citizens of Santa Barbara County and has served to inform county residents and taxpayers about county issues on daily shows on KUHL radio and News-Press radio, and columns in the *Santa Maria Times*; and

WHEREAS, COLAB has been publicly recognized for its participation and contributions to the county budget process and through study and advocacy has streamlined local government via the consolidations of regulatory programs within the Fire Department, effected a 40 percent downsizing of the staff and budget of the Air Pollution Control District while at the same time improving air quality and has served as an ombudsman for countless property owners doing business in the county.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes COLAB as a unique organization with a very important purpose and function in Santa Barbara County and honors COLAB upon its 20th anniversary and commends the organization for its continued dedication to preserving, protecting and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April, 2011, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Waller
Clerk of the Board

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