

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING)
DECEMBER 8-14, 2003 AS)
"FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK")**

WHEREAS, floods can occur in Santa Barbara County in any year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends; and

WHEREAS, the 1990's have brought several above average rain years, including devastating flooding to portions of our community, which should serve as a vivid reminder of the flooding threat we face; and

WHEREAS, because of the county's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses which do occur; and

WHEREAS, of all the cities and counties in the State of California, residents of unincorporated Santa Barbara County represent one of few such communities able to purchase flood insurance at a 15% discount due to the Flood Control and Water Conservation District's floodplain management efforts, and

WHEREAS, an effective means of reducing flood damages is through public awareness of the flooding potential at their homes and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of December 8-14, 2003 as Flood Awareness Week and encourage Santa Barbara County residents to view the exhibits located in the lobby of the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria, and the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9th day of December, 2003, by unanimous vote of all members present.