

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY NORTH CHAPTER

WHEREAS, in late 2021, Colleen Grant first heard about the non-profit organization Sleep in Heavenly Peace on the radio, which builds beds for children in need and has the simple mission that "No Child Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town"; and

WHEREAS, Sleep in Heavenly Peace believes that all children deserve a safe, clean, and comfortable place to lay their heads and this basic need serves children's physical, emotional, and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, upon hearing this call-to-action, Colleen reflected back to when she taught preschool and of the many students who slept on mattresses on the floor or in shared beds at home; and

WHEREAS, Colleen then proposed establishing a local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter to her husband Matt and he immediately jumped on-board and together they recruited and formed a core team of volunteers including: Diane and Mark Smith; Tracy and John Janecek; and Melanie and Guillermo Olguin; and

WHEREAS, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Santa Barbara County North Chapter was officially established in January 2022 and has organized hundreds of volunteers who come together for monthly bed-building workshops and donate beds along with new and unused mattresses, and bedding including sheets, pillows and blankets; and

WHEREAS, they have built 777 beds and donated 484 to local children, but nearly 300 children are waitlisted to receive already-built beds because they do not yet have the bedding, sheets, and pillows to go along with the constructed beds and Sleep in Heavenly Peace needs donations to help meet that need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Sleep in Heavenly Peace Santa Barbara County North Chapter led by co-founders Colleen and Matt Grant for their passion, vision, and leadership in serving the basic needs of children in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 2nd day of May 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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