

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING 2013 THE YEAR OF THE CHILD

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, California is home to 9.5 million children, from infants and toddlers to school-agers and teens, including Santa Barbara County's 98,047 children; and

WHEREAS, these children are the future of our state, with our investment in our children of today representing our investment in the working people, community leaders, parents and problem solvers of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore imperative that today's elected officials, community leaders and policy makers prioritize California's children and consider the impact of each decision they make on all of our children today, tomorrow, and in the future; and

WHEREAS, California voters approved Proposition 10 in 1998 investing First 5 California and 58 County First 5 Commissions with the responsibility to lead communities in expanding early developmental and school readiness services and improving systems for children ages 0 to 5 and their families, and

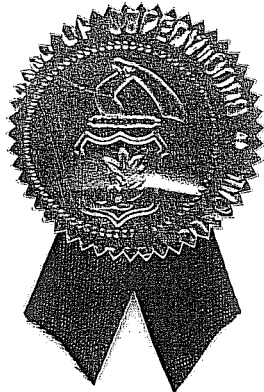
WHEREAS, each First 5 Commission, California State Preschools and local Head Start programs work in partnership with county Boards of Supervisors as well as other public and non-profit agencies to address the needs of young children and their families; and

WHEREAS, California counties share this dedication to the good health, school readiness, and general well-being of our children, who cannot vote, lobby or advocate, and are dependent on the adults of today for their well-being; and

WHEREAS, the President of the California State Association of Counties has challenged his colleagues to ask "How are the children?" and to always consider what is best for the children and to continue focusing on the children until we can say with confidence, "All the children are well".

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that Santa Barbara County's Board of Supervisors joins elected officials across the state, First 5 Commissions, California State Preschools and Head Start programs and their many community partners in recognizing the critical importance of placing children at the core of our plans, at the heart of our purpose and at the top of every agenda as we proclaim 2013 as "The Year of the Child."

PASSED, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9th of April, 2013, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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