

SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE AND EQUALITY FOR ITS SAFE SPACE CAMPAIN

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month and commemorates the events of the June 1969 Stonewall riots which was a turning point in the movement to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBTQ Americans; and

WHEREAS, Gay Rights Activists for Change and Equality (GRACE) is a grassroots organization from the Santa Maria Valley dedicated to creating a safer and unified environment and experience for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, in order to create safe spaces in which members of the LGBTO community can be themselves, GRACE launched the Safe Spaces Campaign which acknowledges businesses and organizations that work toward inclusion of all clients and employees regardless of race, creed, religion, physical ability or actual or perceived sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, GRACE works in partnership with Pacific Pride Foundation to perform advocacy; community education forums; engage public officials, businesses and community organizations to address homophobia as it arises, and to support LGBTO inclusion efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Gay Rights Advocates for Change and Equality for its Safe Spaces Campaign and its advocacy for equal rights and inclusion for the LGBTO community throughout Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 23rd day of June, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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