

**RESOLUTION HONORING ORCUTT GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM
FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Orcutt Graffiti Abatement Program was founded out of need in the Orcutt area due to rising incidents of vandalism & pride in keeping the community clean, and originally began as a class service project through Leadership Santa Maria Valley in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Orcutt Graffiti Abatement Program was initially funded through a donation by the 4th District Supervisor's office which allowed for the purchase of paint, materials, and supplies needed for volunteers to handle those calls by random individuals reporting cases; and

WHEREAS, once the program developed, it became a product of Orcutt Area Seniors In Service (OASIS) where key volunteers helped to refine the process – Steven Funkhouser developed the website, email domain and toll-free hotline; Charles Peterson, a County firefighter & also one of the first volunteers of the program, was instrumental in turning the program into one that primarily removes graffiti, not only painting over it; Dave Ogilvie and Rick Ogilvie, who heard of the problems through the Orcutt Neighborhood Watch, volunteered and have been dynamic in targeting & removing graffiti throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, now in its third year of operation and through two additional donations, the program has purchased a MasterBlaster portable pressure washing system which uses application of biodegradable paint remover, a “clean and earth friendly” removal technique; and also uses closely matched paint which boasts a graffiti resistant coating; and

WHEREAS, the Orcutt Graffiti Abatement Program continues to grow and make strides in their promptness of reporting and removal techniques and prides themselves on cleaning an area within the initial 24-hour notice; and, because of their efficiency over the past two years, rather than receiving graffiti reports daily, they are only notified every few weeks of vandalism cases in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the Orcutt Graffiti Abatement Program for its achievements and strides in continuing to conquer vandalism by taking one person's concern and forming an extremely efficient and dedicated team who aids in keeping the Orcutt community beautiful – one report at a time!

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of October 2016 by unanimous vote of all members present.