Resolution Honoring Santa Barbara County Employees Who Volunteer at Veterans Stand Down

Whereas, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down was held October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Maria Fairpark; and

Whereas, over 600 volunteers organized to provide comprehensive services to almost 500 veterans in need; and

Whereas, veterans received the essentials such as showers, haircuts, new clothing, shoes, boots, bedrolls, hygiene products as well as dental, medical and vision services; and

Whereas, veterans were also introduced to over 100 service agencies who attempted to assist them with housing, employment, drug and alcohol counseling, suicide prevention and a host of other mental health and social services; and

Whereas, our very own Santa Barbara County employees have generously donated their time and energy, becoming leaders among our volunteer groups; and

Whereas the Department of Social Services, Behavioral Wellness, Probation, Public Defender, District Attorney's Office, Public Health, The Clerk Recorder's Office, Child Support Services, Animal Services and our very own Veterans Service Officer all come together to try and reconnect these men and women back into our community; and

Whereas, DSS employee Carolina Carrillo and former Animal Services employee Stacy Silva were honored as the Volunteers of the Year at the Stand Down Appreciation luncheon for their giving spirit and dedication to our veterans and their animals; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all those employees who by volunteering at Stand Down, attempt to make the lives of our veterans a little bit better.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, by a unanimous vote of all members present.