RESOLUTION NO. 20-206



## OUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING C.A.R.E.4PAWS

FOR THEIR SERVICE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, C.A.R.E.4Paws is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded with the mission to reduce pet overpopulation, keep animals out of shelters and improve quality of life for pets and pet owners in need in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, C.A.R.E.4Paws provides services to our county's most underserved areas, including Lompoc, Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Isla Vista and Santa Barbara's East-and Westside, offering critical, accessible wellness services for pets of low-income, senior, disabled and homeless community members; and

WHEREAS, as part of C.A.R.E.4Paws' Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach, the organization provides free and low-cost spays and neuters, affordable veterinary care and low-cost vaccine events in its mobile veterinary clinic, the only one of its kind on California's Central Coast; and

WHEREAS, C.A.R.E.4Paws provides humane education through its Paws Up For Pets youth program to promote compassion and accountability for animals and empathy in our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, C.A.R.E.4Paws recently launched its Safe Haven program, in partnership with Domestic Violence Solutions, to ensure survivors can find safety for their pets when they leave an abusive situation by providing anonymous, temporary foster care or boarding; and

WHEREAS, C.A.R.E.4Paws operates over a dozen Pet Resource Centers countywide in partnership with community based organizations such as United Way, Santa Barbara Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army, where pet owners can pick up pet food and supplies and sign up for wellness services for their pets and, at many locations, for themselves; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, C.A.R.E.4Paws has distributed an average of four tons of pet food weekly, countywide—compared to two tons of food distributed in all of 2019—and has performed a record-number of spays/neuters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends C.A.R.E.4Paws for their service and dedication to saving and improving the lives of Santa Barbara County's four-legged friends.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of November, 2020 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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