

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.  
RECOGNIZING THE EL CAMINO HOMELESS ORGANIZATION (ECHO) HOMELESS  
SHELTER AND THE FIRST ANNUAL "LONG WALK HOME"**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, a homeless enumeration study was conducted in January 2011 and identified 3,774 homeless individuals in the County of San Luis Obispo; and

**WHEREAS**, 36% of those counted were in the North County, and approximately 71% of the North County homeless are children; and

**WHEREAS**, El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) was formed in 2000 as a non-profit organization with the purpose of addressing the issue of the homeless in North San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, ECHO began providing temporary shelter for the homeless persons on December 10, 2001 and has continued to do so nightly; and

**WHEREAS**, ECHO has enlisted more than 40 service organizations and faith communities and over 2,000 community volunteers to provide approximately 19,000 hot dinner meals and 12,000 shelter beds annually to needy people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, ECHO provides support services that address the root cause of homelessness and helps the homeless find a level of self-sufficiency that is appropriate to each individual; and

**WHEREAS**, ECHO has raised public awareness of the plight of homeless members of the community and offered thousands of the most unfortunate among us an opportunity to ease their burden; and

**WHEREAS**, Templeton Rotary and Paso Robles Noontime Kiwanis with support from their North County sister organizations are sponsoring the first annual "Long Walk Home" on August 25, 2012, to help raise funds for the purchase of the existing church and adjacent property for expansion of ECHO's services and shelter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby recognize the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) homeless shelter and the first annual "Long Walk Home".

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk