

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

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING COUNTY VOLUNTEERS AND
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-21, 2012 AS
“NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following Resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, “National Volunteer Week” has become the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels since 1974; and

WHEREAS, volunteers contribute a large and invaluable service to the County of San Luis Obispo and local residents, complementing the efforts of County employees and County funding limitations; and

WHEREAS, For twenty-one years members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have been helping countless Airport Patrons navigate through a myriad of travel related questions. Whether pertaining to parking, airline schedules, lost and found, directions, wine tasting, other local events, or a host of other topics, our wonderful volunteers have conscientiously and enthusiastically provided answers. Their commitment is evidenced by some very long tenures of dedicated service. Our information help team members have logged anywhere from 2 to 21 years, with an average length of service of 11.64 years. This selfless service to our flying public is very much appreciated! Airport Management applauds these valued airport team members; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services volunteers numbering 75-100 persons at any given time have directly affected the care, adoption, rehoming, and quality of life of more than 4,000 dogs, cats, rabbits, and other homeless pets sheltered by Animal Services, helping San Luis Obispo County achieve one of the lowest euthanasia rates of any public shelter in California; and

WHEREAS, General Services volunteers provide much needed services to the public at the Information Desk in the New Government Center Lobby. This tireless group of three individuals has provided approximately 546 hours of service throughout the year. They fill the vital role of assisting members of the public regarding Board agenda items and services available in the New Government Center. Our volunteers occasionally agree to be appointed as Deputy Commissioners of Marriage and they have performed numerous marriage ceremonies over the years; and

WHEREAS, Library volunteers number over approximately 800 persons who contribute over 32,000 hours of service per year, shelving/mending books, emptying book drops, providing public programs, and Internet guidance, on an independent basis and also affiliated with fifteen Friends of the Library groups and the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, County Parks has numerous volunteer groups and individuals who routinely donate their time and resources to help with ongoing maintenance and repairs of trails, natural areas and park facilities as well as helping with special events, fundraising and recreational programming. So far this year County Parks has received approximately 46,243 hours of service which equates to an added value of \$987,750; and

WHEREAS, Planning and Building Department volunteers and student interns contributed up to 3,200 hours per year in assisting our Building, Planning and Operations Divisions. These volunteer services contributed time to updating public forms, working on graphics for staff reports, assisting planners in preparing initial studies, and researching and gathering data needed for community plans or special projects; including time towards outreach/education programs for the County's Energy Programs. We also want to acknowledge the overwhelming number of community volunteers (200+) who contributed two days of hard work participating in their community clean up in Oceano; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department works with Restorative Partners, a non-profit 501(c) responsible for recruiting, screening, training and organizing volunteers in the Juvenile Hall and County Jail. Sister Theresa Harpin is the Executive Director. Restorative Partners, in a very short period of time, has brought hundreds of hours of volunteer programming into the Juvenile Hall. These activities include art classes, jewelry making classes, study halls and tutoring, sports tournaments with CPSU athletes, music lessons and programs, book club and journaling, and reorganizing our library; and

WHEREAS, Public Works benefits from a wide range of volunteer contributions, including a successful Adopt-a-Road program since the early 1990's, which includes 92 volunteers keeping over 200 miles of roadway clean, a Creek Cleanup Day, where over 700 volunteers remove over 17,000 gallons of waste and over 9,000 gallons of recyclables from local creeks, community groups that step forward to help keep road medians and gateway intersections landscaped, irrigated and clean, and over 180 well owners and 40 precipitation observers who provide our utilities division with important hydrologic data to help the County and residents better understand the water resources of the region; and

WHEREAS, through the programs of the University of California Cooperative Extension/Farm Advisors, more than 400 caring adults in San Luis Obispo County volunteer their time and talents to support one of the largest 4-H Youth Development Club Programs in the state, and as a result of their volunteer efforts, 4-H youth members develop citizenship, leadership and life-skills through experiential, club-based learning programs. In the UCCE Master Gardener Program, more than 140 county residents trained as Certified Master Gardeners volunteer more than 5,000 hours a year in outreach and education programs for sustainable landscape practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, does hereby honor and recognize all County volunteers for their ongoing contributions, and proclaim April 15-21, 2012 as "National Volunteer Week" in San Luis Obispo County.

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.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk