

By unanimous consent of the Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, there are more than 36 million people living in California; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly two million people living in the County of San Bernardino; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 percent of California adults and 27 percent of California children are considered overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino has adopted a Healthy Communities program to create healthy environments for and to promote healthy lifestyle choices among our residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino believes there are important, long-term community benefits to be gained by encouraging healthy living, including a potential decrease in the rate of childhood obesity and its negative health-related impacts; and

WHEREAS, the state, county and local communities can work together to understand the relationship between obesity, land use policies, and community planning; and

WHEREAS, the state, county and local communities can work together to ensure that there are safe places for their residents to be active such as in parks, ball fields, pools, gyms, and recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, access to healthy foods has a direct impact on the overall health of our community and planning for fresh food, open space, sidewalks, and parks should be a priority;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, recognizes the importance of health and wellness in our community and hereby declares this May and every May thereafter to be Healthy Communities Awareness Month; and

FURTHERMORE, the County of San Bernardino encourages all of its residents to celebrate Healthy Communities Awareness Month in a variety of ways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be accepted on behalf of the County of San Bernardino by Margaret Smith, Interim Director of the Department of Public Health.

Dated: May 8, 2007

Paul Biane, Chairman

Brad Mitzelfelt, Supervisor

Dennis Hansberger, Supervisor

Gary Ovitt, Supervisor

Josie Gonzales, Supervisor

Dena Smith,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors