

# County of Santa Rosa

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the SAFER Santa Rosa (Support Alliance for Emergency Readiness) was activated in May of 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, SAFER Santa Rosa is a volunteer program with a local, community-based emphasis and a mission to strengthen Santa Rosa County by establishing a system for businesses, non profits, faith based organizations and government agencies to offer their expertise during all phases of disasters and at other times of community needs, through collaborative activities, networking, sharing of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, major local emergencies (floods, hurricanes, chemical spills, acts of terrorism, epidemics and other large scale incidents) can overwhelm even the most professional and well-staffed local emergency response systems, thereby creating a need for assistance from properly trained volunteers and outside resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, a fully functional SAFER Santa Rosa provides valuable services to the citizens of our County and provides a greater predictability of our local resource capabilities during times of emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, SAFER Santa Rosa's ability to augment existing resources and response systems in our communities may in fact speed up community recovery and minimize the long-term economic losses that often follow emergencies and disasters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners fully supports the concept and function of the Support Alliance for Emergency Readiness (SAFER) Santa Rosa. Be it further resolved that the Board encourages its citizens, employees and associates to give their time and expertise to the Support Alliance for Emergency Readiness (SAFER) in the service of our Santa Rosa County communities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 26th day of February, 2009.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Don Salter, Chairman