

County of Santa Rosa

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, current economic conditions are causing the homeless population to grow, which in turn increases the need for greater community assistance; and

WHEREAS, the first Santa Rosa County Cold Weather Shelter was established at Ferris Hill Baptist Church in November 2008 by the leadership of the Santa Rosa Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, the Ferris Hill Baptist Church Cold Weather Shelter is a program with a local, community-based emphasis and a mission to strengthen Santa Rosa County; and

WHEREAS, with the support and assistance from numerous community organizations, the Ferris Hill Baptist Church Cold Weather Shelter has been a place where those less fortunate have been able to seek shelter from the cold; and

WHEREAS, the Ferris Hill Baptist Church has fulfilled an essential community need that was not met until the creation of the Ferris Hill Baptist Church Cold Weather Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Ferris Hill Baptist Church has taken on this challenging task as a mission of their congregation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare their appreciation and extend their gratitude on behalf of all Santa Rosa County residents to the Santa Rosa Baptist Association for their assistance in creating a community cold weather shelter and to Ferris Hill Baptist Church for the implementation and operation of the cold weather shelter. Be it further resolved that the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners encourage its citizens, employees and community organizations to support this initiative, which helps to ensure the safety of the neediest in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 12th day of February, 2009.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Don Salter, Chairman