Resolution No. 04-0641

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY'S "SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY CAMPAIGN" AND DESIGNATING FIRE STATIONS AS NEW SAFE HAVEN SITES

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2001, California enacted a law that provides for the health and safety of unwanted newborn children, California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law; and

WHEREAS, the law allows an individual to confidentially surrender an unharmed newborn three days old or younger at any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven site without fear of criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, a new California campaign unveiled by Governor Gary Davis on October 2, 2002, entitled "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" is aimed at informing the public of the State's Safely Surrendered Baby Law; and

WHEREAS, the statewide campaign has adopted a blue-and-white "Safe Haven" emblem which depicts an infant on an outstretched hand that will be displayed at legal drop-off sites in California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has requested that county boards of supervisors initiate a "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County is initiating a countywide "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign to inform the residents of San Joaquin County of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin is recognizing various fire station locations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stockton is willing to designate its fire stations as safe haven sites; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Stockton does hereby recognize all City of Stockton fire stations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger.
2. That sufficient funds are available in Fire Department Account No. 010-2620-530.30-50 for the purchase of universal "Safely Surrendered Baby Site" signs and the emergency telephone box to be installed outside of each fire station.

3. That in the event of a safely surrendered infant, Stockton Fire Department ambulances and private transport providers will waive ambulance transportation fees and the City will waive the dispatch fee for private providers.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED SEP 14 2004

GARY A. PODESTO, Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE GONG MEISSNER
City Clerk of the City of Stockton