

**Anderson City Council
Proclamation
Youth Peer Court Month
September 2009**

WHEREAS, throughout September, more than 1,300 youth court programs operating in our nation's juvenile justice systems, schools, and community-based organizations will celebrate the 8th Annual National Youth Court Month, and the 7th year that the Shasta County Youth/Peer Court has been in operation; and

WHEREAS, youth courts are one of the fastest growing crime prevention and early intervention programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty years, they have offered innovative solutions to prevent juvenile crime and educate our young people; and

WHEREAS, youth courts emphasize the importance of being involved in one's community, and they provide our nation's youth with an opportunity to learn about government and take an active role in upholding our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, youth courts empower youth through involvement in community solutions by developing skills in leadership, decision-making, and problem solving; youth learn the appropriate use of peer pressure, and are given opportunities to mentor and instill integrity in their peers; and they gain a clearer understanding of our nation's judicial system; and

WHEREAS, youth court volunteers play a crucial role in making the goal of reducing juvenile crime in this country a reality and teach our youth about accountability and the consequences of making poor choices; they also reward responsible behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson City Council strongly supports youth court programs because they help build healthier and safer communities in which we live, raise families, and work; and it commends the youth and adult volunteers who support the Shasta County Youth/Peer Court and our juvenile justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson City Council hereby proclaims September 2009 as Youth/Peer Court Month in Anderson, California to be celebrated in conjunction with National Youth Court Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Anderson to be affixed this 1st day of September 2009.

Butch Schaefer, Mayor of the City of Anderson