

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2010 AS HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, Healthcare Decisions Day is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions related to end of life care, medical decision-making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of Healthcare Decisions Day is to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, and hospices to participate in a community-wide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of Santa Barbara County residents with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Living and Dying Well is a collaborative dedicated to promoting the importance of end of life health care decisions and includes the following organizations; the Archstone Foundation; Cottage Hospital; Hospice of Santa Barbara; J.S. Bower Foundation; Santa Barbara Foundation; Sarah House; St. Francis Foundation; Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care; and Vista Del Monte and other organizations all of whom support Health Care Decisions Day and are committed to educating the public about the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 16, 2010 as Health Care Decisions Day in Santa Barbara and encourages all residents to plan ahead when making important end of life and other health care decisions.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this  $20^{th}$  day of April, 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.

SUPPLIES

ATTEST:

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Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervsor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District