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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS
CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS: the future of our children, the citizens of tomorrow, is dependent on good physical and dental health;
and,

WHEREAS: dental disease, particularly dental caries, has been identified as the leading health problem of children in Santa Barbara County; and,

WHEREAS: a recent Community Health Survey found that not having dental coverage for their children was the third most commonly stated health concern; and,

WHEREAS: the Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program, designed to establish values and skills related to sound dental and dietary habits in school aged children was established 21 years ago by the Public Health Department; and,

WHEREAS: this dental program has reduced dental decay in over 16,000 Santa Barbara County children by almost 50%; and,

WHEREAS: this dental program, with new additional funding from the State, is providing dental sealants for approximately 250 under-served children in Santa Barbara County; and,

WHEREAS: the Carrillo Family Dental Clinic has been treating families with dental problems for over 5 years;
and,

WHEREAS: The Dental Access Resource Team (DART) composed of 14 community based agencies has through their persistence, resourcefulness and commitment expanded access to dental care for the under-served children of Santa Barbara County; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of February, 2002 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH and recognize the activities planned to celebrate this.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of February, 2002 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor ~ 1st District

Supervisor ~ 2nd District

Supervisor ~ 3rd District

Supervisor ~ 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District