

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF)
THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) RESOLUTION NO. _____
BEHAVIORIAL WELLNESS COMMISSION)

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara currently has a Mental Health Commission (Commission as required by Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara currently has an Advisory Board on Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (Advisory Board) as authorized by Health and Safety Code § 11805; and,

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Act passed by the voters of the State of California in November 2004 provides for better coordinated and comprehensive programs to care for those with mental illness and alcohol and other drug problems; and,

WHEREAS, counties are the agencies primarily responsible for providing such coordinated and comprehensive mental health and alcohol and other drug programs, which can most effectively and efficiently be provided through integrated systems of care and administration; and,

WHEREAS, combining the aforementioned Commission and Advisory Board would significantly increase their coordination and integration thereby providing the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Behavioral Wellness with more comprehensive advice and recommendations regarding these systems of care; and,

WHEREAS, combining the Commission and Advisory Board would also reduce staff time and other costs currently required to administer both separately; and,

WHEREAS, many California counties have successfully combined their Mental Health Commissions and Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Boards; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission and Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board have each, by separate unanimous votes of all members present, voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors dissolve the existing entities and combine the functions of both entities into a single County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the new County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission will continue to serve as the County’s mental health board in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby dissolve the County of Santa Barbara Mental Health Commission, dissolve the County of Santa Barbara Advisory Board on Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, and create the County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission, effective January 10, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
THEODORE A. FALLATI, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: _____
Peter Adam, Chair
Board of Supervisors

By: _____

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____