



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021

AS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, dyslexia is defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader; and

WHEREAS, most commonly caused by a difficulty in phonological processing (the appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability of an individual to, read, write, spell, and, often, the ability to learn a second language; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning difference that and affects 80 to 90 percent of all individuals with a learning difference; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is persistent and highly prevalent, affecting as many as 1 out of every 5 individuals; and

WHEREAS, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the hereditary and neurobiological bases of dyslexia;

WHEREAS, early screening for, and early diagnosis of, dyslexia are critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to fluent reading, the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment, and the provision of necessary accommodations that ensure success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, Kami Craig, a local Santa Barbara High School alumni, University of Southern California graduate, and three-time Olympian, who at a young age was diagnosed with dyslexia, has become an advocate, role model, and an inspiration for students and athletes everywhere tackling this learning difference through motivational speaking and mentoring the youth; and

WHEREAS, the dyslexia community and the County of Santa Barbara have great appreciation for Kami Craig in her dedication to advocacy over the years in bringing awareness and empowering our youth and adults with dyslexia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares October, 2021, as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of October, 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monique Sato
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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