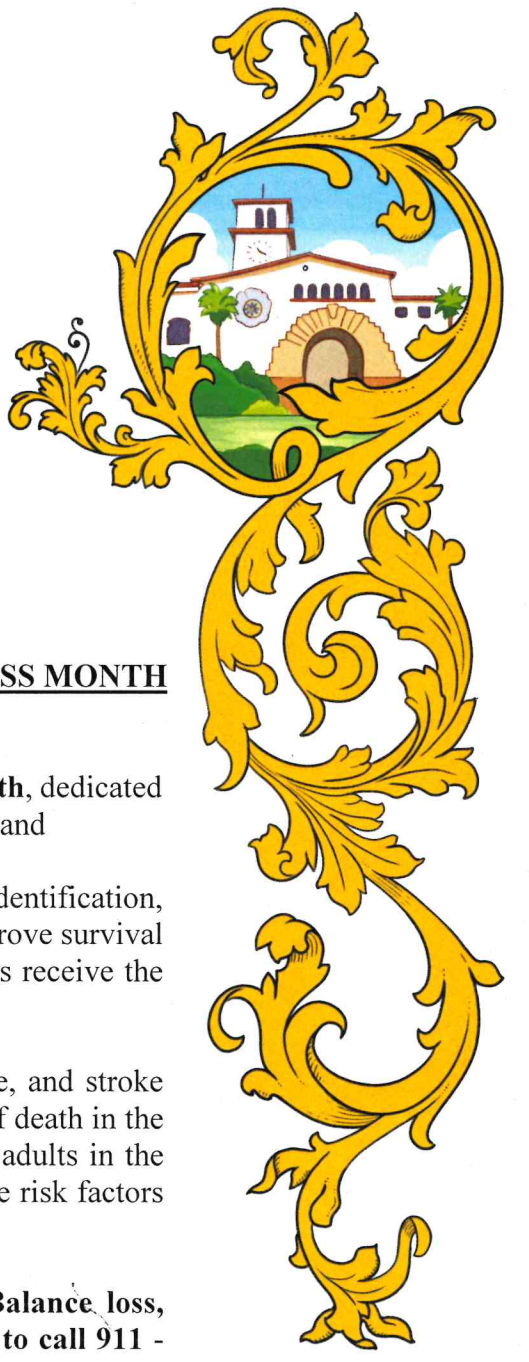


Santa Barbara County of



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized nationally as **Stroke Awareness Month**, dedicated to increasing public understanding of stroke prevention, recognition, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, stroke is a time-sensitive medical emergency in which rapid identification, diagnosis, and treatment by qualified health care professionals can significantly improve survival and reduce long-term disability, and organized systems of care help ensure patients receive the right treatment at the right time and at the right facility; and

WHEREAS, every 40 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke, and stroke remains a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the nation, resulting in more than 160,000 deaths each year, while nearly one-half of adults in the United States have high blood pressure, one of the most significant and controllable risk factors for stroke; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the **B.E.F.A.S.T.** warning signs of stroke - **Balance loss, Eyesight changes, Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, and Time to call 911** - can help save lives by encouraging immediate emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation Board raised private funds to provide Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital with a modern CT scanner and Rapid AI Perfusion technology, enhancing the hospital's ability to quickly diagnose stroke and transient ischemic attacks and improving emergency care for residents of the Santa Ynez Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim the month of May as **Stroke Awareness Month** in Santa Barbara County, encourages all residents to learn the warning signs of stroke and take preventive measures to reduce risk, recognizes the importance of coordinated systems of care in improving outcomes, and expresses its appreciation to the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation Board for its leadership and generosity in strengthening emergency stroke care in the Santa Ynez Valley community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of May, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Diaz
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

Ray Lu
Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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