



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2011
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery Continuum of Care providers have a proud history of service, innovation and dedication to the substance use disorder recovery process; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse is considered by many as the nation's number one public health concern. The economic cost to the US economy is staggering, estimated at nearly \$414 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, 23.5 million persons aged 12 or older needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol use problem with only 2.6 million having received treatment at a specialty facility. Thus, 8.3 percent of the total U.S. population needing treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol use problem did not receive treatment at a specialty substance abuse facility in the past year; and

WHEREAS, research shows substance use disorders are medical conditions that can be effectively treated, yet recovery is impeded by misconceptions about the disease and treatment. By offering a forum where people can learn about the myths surrounding substance use disorders, treatment and recovery, we can encourage, educate, and help improve the lives of family, friends, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this year's Recovery Month theme is "Recovery Benefits Everyone" which focuses on opportunities for individuals and their families to regain a positive place in the community through participating in county-wide events including, trainings, open houses, social and family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month also recognizes Drug and Alcohol Counselors and other professionals who have dedicated their careers to helping people recover from addiction by assisting in the establishment of a certification process for Substance Use Disorders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2011 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to support men, women, youth and their families who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery programs throughout our community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, this 13th day of September, 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Lalalan
 Clerk of the Board

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