



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING
OCTOBER 2019 AS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH AND
RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE SANTA BARBARA RITECARE CENTER**

WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common different learning ability and is defined as unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual due to issues in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language, which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara RiteCare Center is a nonprofit center that has been providing critical screenings for parents who have concerns about their child's speech and language development in addition to a number of valuable services to support and treat children who have identified delays with their speech and language development since 1984 and is one of 170 RiteCare Centers across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara RiteCare Center's literacy intervention program, Brain Lab, designed to address reading, language, and cognitive skills was started in 2012 and is designed for students in second grade through sixth grade and is offered at no cost to participants, and;

WHEREAS, the work done at the Santa Barbara RiteCare Center is absolutely essential to the overall effort to identify and treat different learning abilities such as dyslexia and our County would benefit from the expansion and development of similar programs, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors designates October 2019 as Dyslexia Awareness Month and recognizes the work of the Santa Barbara RiteCare Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of October 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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