



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2006 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong, neurological disability that is characterized by impaired social interaction and communication; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the third most common developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than 28,116 individuals in this State; and

WHEREAS, Autism is now the most common childhood disability affecting over 19,540 children in California under the age of 13; and

WHEREAS Autism now occurs in 1 out of every 166 births; and

WHEREAS, 80% of people diagnosed with Autism are male; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment helps individuals with autism reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, support groups, such as Autism Society of America, Santa Barbara, are committed to their mission of advocacy, support, education, and bringing awareness to families, professionals, and the community to better understand this lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex disability that requires research to one day find a cure and prevention; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure those individuals with autism living in the County of Santa Barbara and all other individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2006 as Autism Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this eighteenth day of April 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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