

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
AUGUST 31, 2015 AS
OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a key remembrance event of those who have died from fatal drug overdoses since 2001. Every year on August 31st thousands of people worldwide will stand beside the friends and families of fatal overdose victims to reflect on their losses; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day presents an opportunity to help the County of Santa Barbara community understand that opioid abuse and overdose is a health and safety issue, and no one is immune to drug harm; and

WHEREAS, approximately 120 people die each day in the United States of a drug overdose; and 45 people died of an overdose in Santa Barbara County over the past year. Opioid analgesics, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone, were involved in about 3 of every 4 overdose deaths in 2010 and have led to an alarming increase in heroin addiction; and

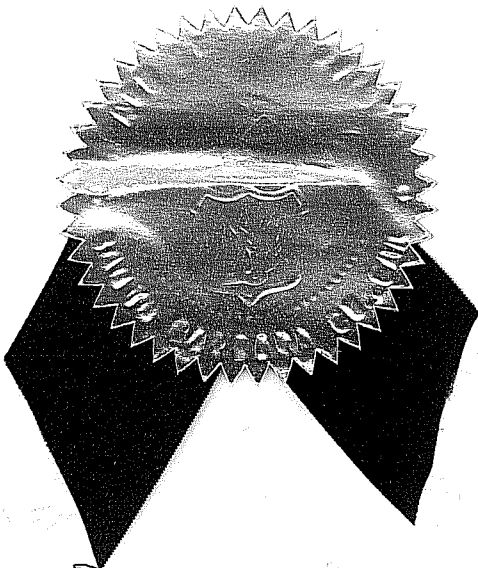
WHEREAS, in 2010, Santa Barbara County ADMHS/ADP formally recognized the importance and health and safety of the public by including opioid prevention and intervention in its Strategic Prevention Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Alcohol and Drug Program Advisory Board Committee organized and hosted four community forums in 2013 to bring attention to the problem of prescription drug abuse and heroin addiction; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2015, the Alcohol Drug Division of ADMHS will be hosting the LA Community Health Project to provide broad-based training to launch an Opioid Overdose Response Program in Santa Barbara, including naloxone access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby designates August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, this 25th day of August, 2015 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica P. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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