

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2006 AS
NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS MONTH
AND OCTOBER 15, 2006 AS NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disease has been reportable for twenty five years. As of August 2006, almost 60,000 Californians are living with AIDS: more than 300 people are living with AIDS in Santa Barbara County. Approximately 62% of those infected with AIDS in Santa Barbara County have passed away; and

WHEREAS, October 15, 2006 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. In Santa Barbara County over 50% of new HIV infections in the last five years are Latinos. In addition, AIDS infection in Latino women is higher than other race/ethnicity groups; and

WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus is the virus that causes AIDS. In Santa Barbara County, there has been an average of 17 new infections per year for the last several years. As each new infection is estimated to cost about \$150,000 for treatment of the illness over the lifetime of the individual, these new infections total almost \$3M of additional treatment costs per year; and

WHEREAS, local Santa Barbara County organizations including the HIV Prevention and Care Council, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, the Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc., the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinic, the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department, Planned Parenthood, the American Indian Health Services, and others are collaborating to offer screening and referral for chronic diseases; enrollment in MediCal and Healthy Families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors in Santa Barbara County that the month of October 2006 be proclaimed AIDS Awareness Month, and that October 15, 2006 be recognized as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, and that all citizens are urged to join in efforts to prevent the transmission of HIV and to provide care and treatment for those affected by AIDS.

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