



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DYSLLEXIA AWARENESS & RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, the Dyslexia Awareness and Resource Center, founded in 1990 by Program Director Joan T. Esposito and Executive Director Leslie V. Esposito, CFRE, opened its permanent Santa Barbara office in July 1991 and is celebrating twenty years of serving our community; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Center is to educate and raise awareness about children, parents, students, and adults who have dyslexia or other attention learning disabilities and inform educators, law enforcement agencies, employers, and health care professionals on efforts they can take to assist in treatment; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and poor spelling and decoding abilities, which when misdiagnosed or unrecognized can make the most rudimentary reading and writing chores become nightmares of frustration; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of the clients who seek help at the Center are children from moderate and low income or at risk families who are assessed and referred to public and private resources, social service programs, rehabilitation programs or other educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Center conducts outreach and training seminars for public and private schools, the juvenile court systems, drug and alcohol programs, literacy programs, and homeless and mission programs, and provides the "Vision and the Task" Annual Conference focused on learning and attention disorders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends the Dyslexia Awareness & Resource Center upon twenty years of dedicated service, outreach, and support to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4th day of October, 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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