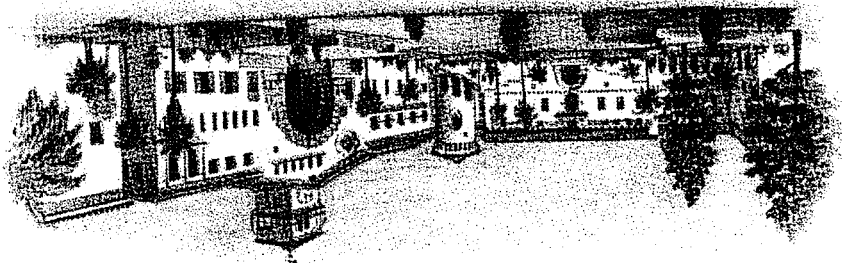


**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 2009 NATIONAL ALCOHOL
AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA



WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery service providers have a proud history of service, innovation and dedication to the recovery process; and

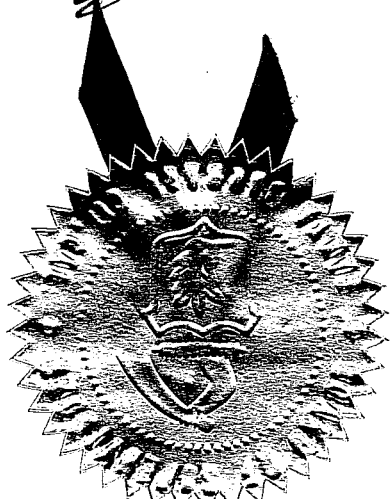
WHEREAS, as indicated by the latest national statistics, in 2007, as many as 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder. Additionally, 5.4 million adults also were living with a concurrent mental illness. Of those with a substance use disorder, 3.9 million have courageously opted to seek some form of treatment, and we need to recognize their achievements, support them and their families, and reach out to those still in need; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that substance use disorders are medical conditions that can be effectively treated. Yet, studies have consistently found that a successful recovery for many suffering from substance use disorders is impeded by the general public's misconceptions about the disease and treatment. However, most people say that they would *not* think less of a relative or friend in recovery from addiction to drugs or alcohol. By offering a forum where people can learn about the myths surrounding substance use disorders, treatment, and recovery, we can encourage, educate, and help improve the lives of family, friends, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous achievements of those individuals who have undergone successful addiction treatment and recognizes professionals and peers in the field of addiction treatment who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

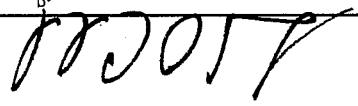
WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and County of Santa Barbara collaborate to accomplish this goal; and

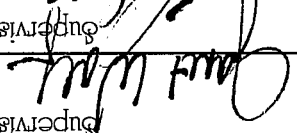
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, to unite under this year's theme "Together We Learn, Together We Heal" by supporting men, women and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery programs. Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of September, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.

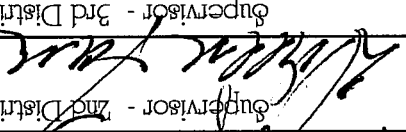


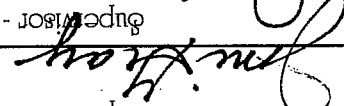
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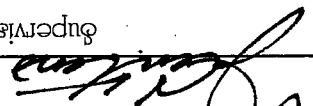
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