RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 24, 2016 WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2016, in honor of World TB Day, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department joins the global partnership to promote CDC's message to "End TB".

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Disease Control Program commits to raising the public's awareness about TB prevention and continues its campaign to educate the general and medical communities of short-term alternative therapies for latent tuberculosis infections; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the world's population is infected with latent TB and each year nine million people develop active TB resulting in two million deaths world-wide; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Santa Barbara County reported 19 active TB cases and provided comprehensive screenings for tuberculosis for 665 high-risk contacts; and

WHEREAS, through strong community partnerships, finding and treating TB supports a healthy community by enhancing local TB control and elimination efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 24, 2016, as World Tuberculosis Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this fifteenth day of March 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.