

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF MAY 2008 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Report of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, written in 2003, continues to guide state and local mental health systems to reduce stigma about mental illness, offer consumer and family driven care that is responsive to individual interests and needs, and decrease disparities in mental health services access and quality;

WHEREAS, in November, 2004, California voters recognized the importance of mental health and wellness by passing Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, which has the fundamental goal to expand mental health services to unserved and underserved persons of all ages;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department recognizes the importance of promoting and increasing mental wellness for everyone in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission actively encourages close collaboration with other community entities to find solutions to unmet mental health needs, particularly important in these times of economic uncertainty;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of May 2008 as Mental Health Month and calls upon all Santa Barbara County citizens to recommit our community to promoting and increasing mental health for all people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 27th day of May 2008.