



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2009 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong, neurological disability that is characterized by impaired social interaction and communication; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the third most common developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than 36,900* individuals in this State; and

WHEREAS, Autism is now the most common childhood disability affecting over 29,800* children in California under the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, Autism now occurs in 1 out of every 50 births and 80% of people diagnosed with Autism are male; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment helps individuals with autism reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, support groups, such as Autism Society of America - Santa Barbara, are committed to their mission of advocacy, support, education, and bringing awareness to families, professionals, and the community to better understand this lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex disability that requires research to one day find a cure and prevention; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure those individuals with autism living in the County of Santa Barbara and all other individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2009 as Autism Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

*CA Dept. of Developmental Services, October 2008



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District