

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 15, 2010
NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino population is the fastest growing ethnic group in Santa Barbara County, making up nearly 40% of our residents who contribute daily to our communities through work, cultural diversity and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics/Latinos make up 15.3% of the United States population nationwide but disproportionately account for 19% of the living AIDS cases nationwide; and

WHEREAS, misconceptions about HIV transmission contributes to the increasing rate of new HIV/AIDS diagnosis within the Hispanic/Latino community; and

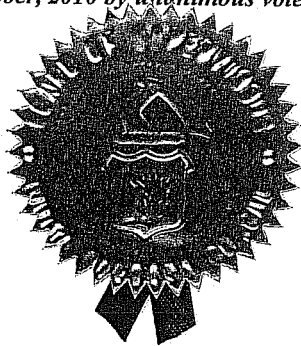
WHEREAS, it is critical for public health and safety to raise awareness of the potential for HIV infection in the Hispanic/Latino community and offer culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV testing and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, this day also signifies the commencement of Estamos Unidos Contra El SIDA, a new community collaborative effort bringing much needed bilingual & bicultural HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and counseling services free of charge to the Santa Barbara community; and

WHEREAS, National Latino AIDS Awareness Day provides the opportunity to increase community awareness and dialogue, to commemorate those lost and bring leaders together to advocate for greater services and community involvement to fight this epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the day of October 15, 2010 as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day and encourages residents of Santa Barbara County to take part in events and efforts that promote awareness which ultimately prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of October, 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District