

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PLANNED PARENTHOOD CALIFORNIA OF SANTA BARBARA, VENTURA AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES AND WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties promotes family planning and healthy responsible reproductive behavior through the provision of high-quality comprehensive educational counseling, medical and referral services; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court of the United States, in the Roe v. Wade decision, concluded that the right of personal privacy includes the decision of a woman, in consultation with her physician, to terminate her pregnancy and, in support of this decision, Planned Parenthood is active in promoting values of tolerance, compassion and respect for a woman's right to choose without government intrusion; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is committed to a vision of creating a community where every child is a wanted child, where people make informed and responsible health decisions, and where everyone has access to affordable, quality reproductive health care and the right to choose; and

WHEREAS, with over ninety-three percent of their clients qualifying for government funding, Planned Parenthood meets essential health needs, including contraceptive services, prevention-oriented medical services, pregnancy testing and counseling, training hundreds of peer educators in HIV and pregnancy prevention, and testing of both men and women for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, women have been empowered to take control of their reproductive lives in a safe and legal environment by the decision of Roe v. Wade, and Planned Parenthood has worked to maintain these reproductive rights through advocacy with legislators and other public officials to ensure continued access to fundamental family planning education and safe legal abortion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes January 22-29 as Women's Reproductive Health Week in Santa Barbara County and further commends Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties for their efforts to preserve and enhance women's health care and reproductive rights.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 17th day of January, 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor ~ 5th District

ATTEST:

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