

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2006 AS "DRUG COURT MONTH"

WHEREAS, drug courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related crime; and

WHEREAS, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least three experimental studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts increase treatment retention and reduce substance abuse and crime amongst drug-involved adult and juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, the drug court movement has grown from the 12 original drug courts in 1994 to 1,753 operational drug courts as of December 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Drug Courts, known as the Substance Abuse Treatment Court or SATC received its first participants in March 1996 and celebrates its Tenth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, SATC has successfully graduated over 450 men and women; and

WHEREAS, our local program evaluation conducted by the University of California, Santa Barbara, revealed the following significant accomplishments: 58% of program graduates obtained employment during the program, 23% of program graduates obtained a GED, and 85% of program graduates spent no further time in jail during the 12 month period after leaving the program.

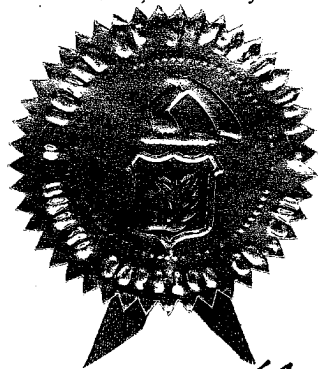
WHEREAS, the Juvenile Drug Court Implementation Grant was received and services for youths began in October 2000 and the Juvenile Drug Court program has successfully graduated over 90 youths; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the Juvenile Drug Court program was evaluated by the University of California, Santa Barbara, during a three-year period and found that 90% of graduates had no new arrests within 12 months of graduating; and


WHEREAS, the week of May 22-26, 2006, marks National Drug Court Commencement Week, which celebrates the promise of recover and restoring hope to drug court graduates and their families; and


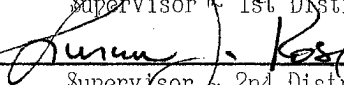
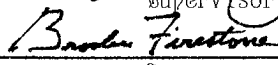
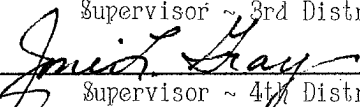
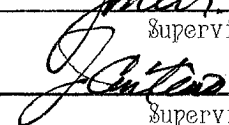
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaims the month of May 2006 as "Drug Court Month," and joins in recognizing the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 2nd day of May 2006.



ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board


Supervisor ~ 1st District

Supervisor ~ 2nd District

Supervisor ~ 3rd District

Supervisor ~ 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District