

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAMMING AUGUST 4 - 10, 2019 NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has been providing medical services since 1926 and has operated the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program in the county since 1989. The PHD's Five Health Care Centers and Three Shelter Based Clinics have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care in our County's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the PHD Health Care Centers are the health care home for over 25,000 people. Every day, the Centers provide a wide range of services beyond primary care, including vision, behavioral health, pharmacy, and other medical specialty services to meet the needs and challenges of county residents. I in every 17 people in the County gets their care at a Santa Barbara County Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Health Care Centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, keeping them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Health Care Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate the dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first County Health Care Centers opened their doors more than 40 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim August 4-10, 2019, as National Health Center Week in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this sixteenth day of July 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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