

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 15, 2010 AS
WORLD SPIROMETRY DAY IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, hundreds of millions of people struggle each year for life and breath due to lung diseases, including tuberculosis, asthma, pneumonia, influenza, lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD), and more than 10 million die; and

WHEREAS, pneumonia kills more than 2 million children under 5 each year, and asthma kills 250,000 people per year – most of them from lack of proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the world's population lives in or near areas with poor air quality, and the connection between breath and life is fundamental; and

WHEREAS, lung diseases afflict people in every country and every socioeconomic group, but take the heaviest toll on the poor, the old, the young and the weak; and

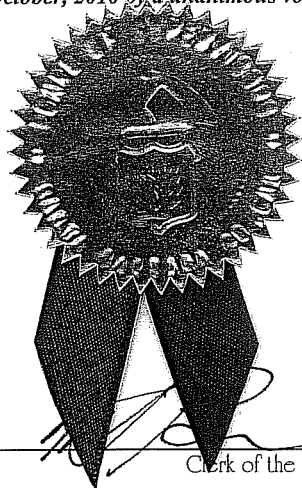
WHEREAS, it is essential that we ensure that every health worker, parent, child, teacher, employer, community leader, media representative, and government official understands the risks and symptoms of lung diseases and how to keep lungs healthy, because lung health is essential to breath and life; and

WHEREAS, Spirometry is the most helpful Pulmonary Function Test to measure lung function, and Spirometry is an important and valuable tool in assessing conditions such as asthma, emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchiectasis and COPD; and

WHEREAS, the physicians and healthcare workers of Santa Barbara County, State of California, are committed to discovering and diagnosing all pulmonary disorders as early as possible in order to help provide the highest quality and most effective treatment available to benefit those who suffer with these disorders by improving their outcomes and their quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby declares October 15, 2010 as World Spirometry Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of October, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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Janet Way
Supervisor - 2nd District

Sharon Sam
Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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