



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2016 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans at some time in their lives; and that mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis and are real, treatable diseases that can affect anyone regardless of age;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission supports proactive community collaborations to maximize the mental health of all people and with effective treatment, individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Behavioral Health Steering committee has adopted Vision and Guiding Principles which represent the core characteristics and service principles for the system and are included in all system planning, activities and service;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness is deploying change agents at all levels of clinical operations and administration to advance system change.

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness is developing commitments from all system partners, reflecting the system framework for a culturally competent, accessible, integrated, continuous and comprehensive system of care in which any door is the right door for those with a combination of substance abuse and mental health issues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as Mental Health Month and calls upon all Santa Barbara County citizens to fight stigma associated with mental illness and reaffirm a commitment to supporting the mental health of all people in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day of May 2016 by the unanimous vote of the members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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