

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2018
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, dental decay is the most common chronic disease among children that can be prevented through regular screening, early identification, preventative education and treatment; and

WHEREAS, oral health is critical to overall health affecting nutrition, social development, growth and function, academic performance, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, untreated dental disease has been linked to adverse health outcomes associated with pre-term and low birth weight deliveries, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and bacterial pneumonia; and,

WHEREAS, tooth decay is preventable through fluoride use, good eating and feeding habits, good oral health habits, and regular dental visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby observe the month of February 2018 as National Children's Oral Health Awareness Month, to facilitate increased awareness, education, prevention and treatment of Childhood Oral Health Disease throughout Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 6th day of February 2018, by a unanimous vote of all members present.