COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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WHEREAS, in 1990 the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law, becoming one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation, prohibiting discrimination and guaranteeing that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life; and
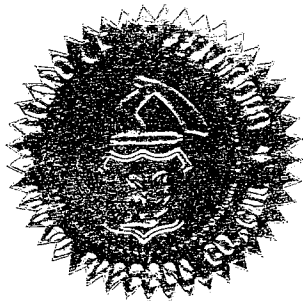
WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the implementation and enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing outmoded societal perceptions, increasing access to employment opportunities and participating in Federal, State and local government programs and services across the nation and more; and

WHEREAS, approximately 58 million or 20% of Americans of all ages have a disability or functional limitation and benefit by the protections and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act each day; and

WHEREAS, national, statewide and local organizations including the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) work to uphold the Americans with Disabilities Act in all facets of life, promoting equal access and opportunities for maximum success and self-sufficiency for all people with disabilities throughout Santa Barbara County and beyond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and reaffirms the principles of equality and inclusion for individuals with disabilities, as set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of September, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District