

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF APRIL 22-29, 2006
INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK
AND THE MONTH OF MAY 2006
TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, community immunization is the only defense children and adults have against vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, since the historic low of 75 cases in 1976, pertussis cases have been rising, in 2005 nearly 2,200 cases of pertussis were reported in California; and

WHEREAS, severe cases of pertussis in infants less than 12 months old can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and death; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable childhood diseases still pose a serious threat to infants and toddlers, and complications are often devastating to both patients and families; and

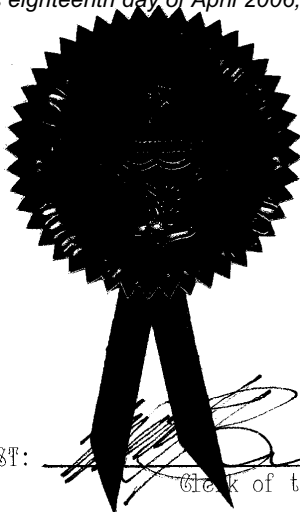
WHEREAS, a recent survey by the National Immunization Survey (NIS) indicates that California immunization rates continued to improve for ages 19-35 months, with an average of 84.1 percent coverage rate; and

WHEREAS, there is a disparity in the toddler immunization rates between ethnic groups; and


WHEREAS, a local coalition of concerned business, public health, and community organizations have joined together to observe National Infant Immunization Week, April 22-29, 2006 and Toddler Immunization Month in May 2006 to bring attention to the need for timely immunizations.

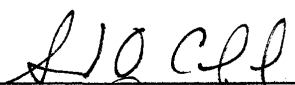
NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 22-29, 2006, "Infant Immunization Week" and the month of May 2006 "Toddler Immunization Month."

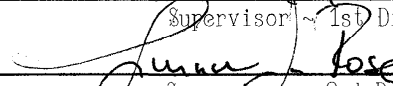
PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this eighteenth day of April 2006, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

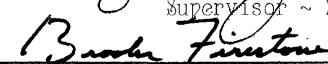



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Clerk of the Board


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Supervisor ~ 2nd District


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