

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

*RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH  
OF MAY 2002 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH*

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*WHEREAS*, United States President George W. Bush stated that the country must make a commitment to assure a health care system that treats mental health issues with the same urgency as a physical illness to Americans who are deserving of understanding and excellent care; and

*WHEREAS*, California legislators acknowledge the importance of mental health and wellness; and

*WHEREAS*, the Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department recognizes the importance of promoting and increasing mental wellness for everyone in the community and continually strives to improve its system of care delivery services; and

*WHEREAS*, the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission/Mental Health Awareness Committee Speakers' Bureau, in collaboration with partner agencies since 1998, continues to promote mental health issues and mental wellness to children, adults, and older adults, numbering 2,424 to date. The Speakers' Bureau has presented panel discussions at public and private schools, colleges, older adult residential facilities, churches, and business organizations; and

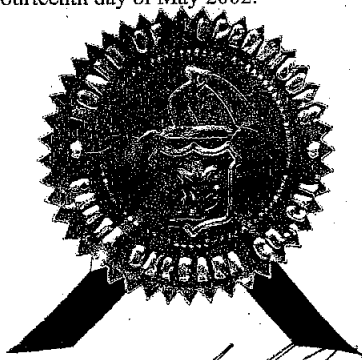
*WHEREAS*, the Santa Maria Times, Santa Maria SUN, Santa Barbara News-Press, and Lompoc Record newspapers, KCOY, KSBY, and KEYT television, and KBOX 104.1, KEYT-AM 1250 and K-LITE 101.7 radio, continue to provide valuable information on mental health issues and mental wellness to the public; and

*WHEREAS*, the Santa Barbara County religious/spiritual clergy emphasize the importance of spirituality in maintaining mental wellness and collaborate with the mental health community to meet the needs of their members; and

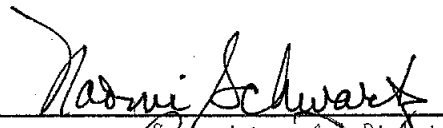
*WHEREAS*, Santa Barbara County secular and religious communities, individually and collectively, collaborate to alleviate economic, social, and individual human costs and to empower people with mental wellness by seeking and providing job development and employment opportunities, affordable and integrated housing, and assuring availability of appropriate and accessible services;

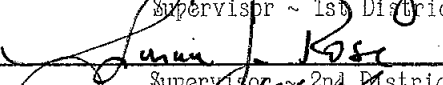
*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of May 2002 as Mental Health Month and calls upon all Santa Barbara County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to promoting and increasing mental wellness for all people.

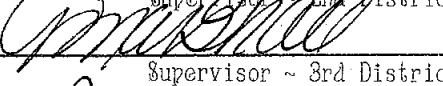
*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this fourteenth day of May 2002.

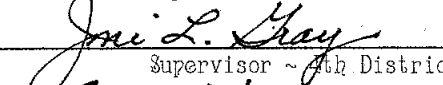


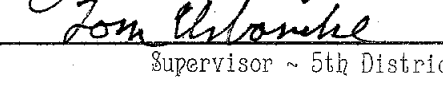
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