



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
FOR ITS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S  
HEALTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood is one of California's largest providers of women's and reproductive health care services, operating 115 community-based health centers that provide 1.6 million patient visits a year; and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood provides comprehensive health care services, including well-women exams, birth control, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and HIV, pregnancy tests, life-saving cancer screenings, primary care services in some locations and abortion services; and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, has health centers in the cities of Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, providing health services to more than 15,000 patients in our county annually, 96% of whom come to Planned Parenthood for family planning services, and more than 70% are at or below the poverty level; and

**WHEREAS**, some anti-abortion extremist organizations have released heavily edited videos that intentionally misrepresent the facts in order to deceive the public and discredit Planned Parenthood with the goal of banning abortion and defunding Planned Parenthood, thereby preventing women from receiving birth control, life-saving cancer screenings, and access to other preventive healthcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressional or other efforts to defund Planned Parenthood and the Title X Family Planning program would cut off health care services to millions of men, women and teens and significantly harm public health and the health of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, every year Title X funded health centers provide care to more than one million people in California and on a national scale prevent 1.5 million unintended pregnancies, 500,000 unplanned births and nearly 400,000 abortions and without Title X Family Planning funds in California, our state's unintended pregnancy rate would be 64% higher; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Planned Parenthood of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties for its significant contributions to the health and well-being of women and families throughout Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



*L.O. Gil*

Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: *Mona Rijosa*  
Clerk of the Board