

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF LIVES LOST AND INJURED FROM GUN VIOLENCE

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WHEREAS, December 14, 2016, will mark four years since the shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School where 20 children and six educators were killed that day in Newtown, CT; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Goleta and Santa Barbara mourn the six lives lost during the Goleta Post Office shooting on January 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Isla Vista and Santa Barbara mourn the six lives lost and thirteen injured in Isla Vista on May 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the senseless deaths of these individuals, and the 32,000+ annual deaths have demonstrated that gun violence is a major public health and safety issue of epidemic proportions costing our nation tens of thousands of lives that are lost and wounded as well as a yearly economic burden estimated at \$100-\$126 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition Against Gun Violence seeks to create a safer community by combating gun violence through education and advocacy. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Coalition will lead Santa Barbarans in an interfaith vigil offering prayers in the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara which will include music and reverence honoring the victims and their families touched by gun violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLOVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim December 14, 2016, as a memorial to honor those whose lives were taken in Sandy Hook Elementary School, Isla Vista, Santa Barbara and the nation and supports and recognizes the many families who lost loved ones due to gun violence;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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