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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2007
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders are major public health problems that affect individuals of all races and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their friends, family and community; and

WHEREAS, over 22 million people in the United States have faced a substance abuse disorder in the past year, with many of these individuals seeking help and benefiting from the experience of recovery programs; and

WHEREAS, chronic substance abuse treatment is a cost effective approach that helps affected individuals overcome their afflictions, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, and reported job problems such as absenteeism and incomplete work reduced by up to 75 percent; and

WHEREAS; it is critical that we educate community members and local businesses that substance abuse disorders are treatable yet serious health care problems and by taking steps to provide support for families, children and individuals who are affected by drugs and alcohol, we can save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2007 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and encourages all citizens of Santa Barbara County to unite with Fighting Back Santa Barbara to observe this year's theme "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars" by supporting men, women and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of September, 2007 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

Paul J. Way

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