

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a highly stigmatized crime affecting one out of four women and one out of six men; and

WHEREAS, any individual incapacitated by drugs or alcohol is rendered incapable of giving consent, making any sexual contact with that individual a form of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has seen a 28% increase in reported sexual assaults involving the use of alcohol in recent years; and

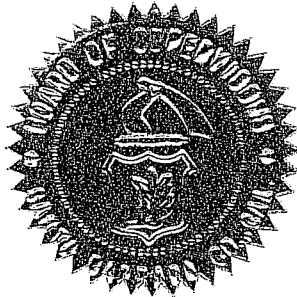
WHEREAS, this month Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center's *Raise the Bar* campaign aims to train owners and staff at local bars to intervene in situations that could lead to sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of sexual assault as a critical issue in our community is a necessary first step in challenging attitudes that implicitly tolerate this behavior; and

WHEREAS, for the past 40 years Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center has been working towards eliminating sexual assault locally by providing support services for survivors and increasing the visibility of this issue through education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and encourages local bars and nightclubs to promote a safe environment for their patrons.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14th day of April, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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