



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2012  
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, substance abuse is considered by many as the nation's number one public health concern. In Santa Barbara County, alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamine, opioids, and prescription drug abuse are the major drugs of choice of clients being served in a substance abuse treatment program; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's Recovery Month theme is "Join the Voices of Recovery: It's Worth It" which focuses on opportunities for individuals and their families to regain a positive place in the community through participation in county-wide events including, trainings, open houses, social and family gatherings; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery Continuum of Care providers have a proud history of service, innovation and dedication to the substance use disorder recovery process; and*

*WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County, according to the 2011 Healthy Kids Survey, 14% of 12 year old youth have reported drinking at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 Days and 19% of the same 12 year old age group said accessibility to alcohol is very easy, while at age 16, 52% said accessibility to alcohol is very easy; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows substance use disorders are medical conditions that can be effectively treated, yet recovery is impeded by misconceptions about the disease and treatment. By offering a forum where people can learn about the myths surrounding substance use disorders, treatment and recovery, we can encourage, educate, and help improve the lives of families, friends, and the community as a whole;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2012 as National Recovery Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to support men, women, youth and their families who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery programs throughout our community.**

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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