



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ALLIANCE FOR LIVING AND DYING WELL FOR THE FIVE WISHES FAMILY AND FRIENDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Living and Dying Well is a collaboration of leaders and agencies in the community interested in quality of end of life care whose members include Archstone Foundation, James S. Bower Foundation, Cottage Health System, Hospice of Santa Barbara, St. Francis Foundation, Sarah House, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care and retirement communities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alliance for Living and Dying Well is to create a seamless compassionate end of life care continuum and to provide opportunities for the community to embrace with greater awareness the relationship between living and dying well; and

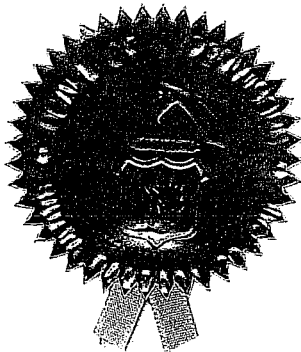
WHEREAS, having a complete and available Advanced Health Care Directive is an important way to ensure an individual's health care wishes will be known and honored when they are unable to express their preferences; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for living and Dying Well is sponsoring the Five Wishes Family Friends Program which provides supportive opportunities for individuals and families to have the kinds of conversations necessary to complete meaningful and accessible advanced health care directives; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2012, the Alliance for Living and Dying Well will hold the Second Annual Five Wishes Community-wide Gathering and Celebration to recognize those communities who have participated in the Five Wishes Family and Friends Program. To date, over thirty communities have participated in a Five Wishes Family and Friend Event, with a total of over 1500 community members having attended and 200 individuals having completed the Five Wishes Train the Trainers program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends the Alliance for Living and Dying Well for sponsoring and implementing the Five Wishes Family and Friends Program and for holding the Second Annual Five Wishes Community-wide Gathering and Celebration on April 24, 2012.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Chandra Walker*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District  
*Janet Wolf*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*William Lane*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Joni Gray*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
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Supervisor - 5th District