

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING) RESOLUTION NO. _____
THE CREATION OF THE STEPPING UP)
INITIATIVE GOVERNING BOARD)

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2106, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors resolved to actively support the Stepping Up Initiative which aims to reduce the number of mentally ill adults from cycling through jails;

WHEREAS, the Stepping Up Initiative encourages county leaders to designate a diverse team of leaders to carry out a six-step planning process that can yield measurable reductions in the number of mentally ill adults in jails;

WHEREAS, the Stepping Up Initiative provides sheriffs, relevant stakeholders, and other team members with no-cost distance-learning opportunities, peer-to-peer exchanges, expert guidance, and a suite of resources to carry out these county-led plans;

WHEREAS, the Stepping Up Initiative promotes crisis intervention team training and other specialized law enforcement responses that are supported by community-based resources;

WHEREAS, County of Santa Barbara stakeholders from the Sheriff's Office, County Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation, and Behavioral Wellness met and collaboratively agreed to support the Stepping Up Initiative;

WHEREAS, the Stepping Up group has met consistently throughout 2017, drawing upon a diverse team of leaders committed to safely reducing the number of mentally ill in our jails, has collected initial data and developed a sequential intercept map, and is actively engaged in examining treatment and service capacity to our mentally ill;

WHEREAS, the Stepping Up group is now in a position to formalize their work and create the Stepping Up Initiative Governing Board under the Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff shall be the Chair of the Stepping Up Governing Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby create the Stepping Up Initiative Governing Board which shall be comprised of the following individuals: A member of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Officer, the Sheriff (chair), the District Attorney, the Director of Behavioral Wellness, the Chief Probation Officer, and the Public Defender.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara,
this ___ day of January 2018.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By _____
DAS WILLIAMS
CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy County Counsel