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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 4-10, 2009 AS  
MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS,** In 1990, on behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the U.S. Congress established the first week of October as "Mental Illness Awareness Week." All citizens are called upon to envision and strive to achieve for those who live daily with mental illness, the early detection of mental illness, access to support and treatment providing the essentials for full participation in living, working and learning in their communities; and

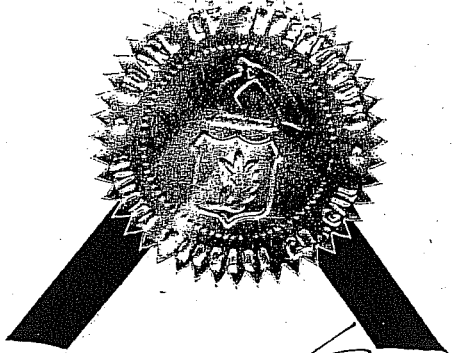
**WHEREAS,** the National Alliance on Mental Illness reported in October 2007, that mental disorders account for a larger share of the nation's disease burden than cancer and diabetes, approximately 57.7 million Americans experience a mental health disorder in a given year, that one in seventeen adults live with a serious mental illness, that about one in ten children have a serious mental or emotional disorder, and that one in four families has at least one member with a mental disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** in Santa Barbara County, an estimated 75,000 adults experience a mental health disorder in given year, that more than 17,000 adults live with a serious mental illness and about approximately 10,000 children live with a serious mental or emotional disorder, and

**WHEREAS,** the Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, North and South County chapters, and other local agencies continue to encourage collaboration between all concerned to promote access to mental health support, education and treatment for persons in Santa Barbara County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 2009 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2009.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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