

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 7th-13th
"SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK"
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 12.8 minutes resulting in 41,149 suicides in 2013, and it is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only top 10 cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade, however it is one of the most preventable; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over one million suicide attempts each year and that 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental illness; and

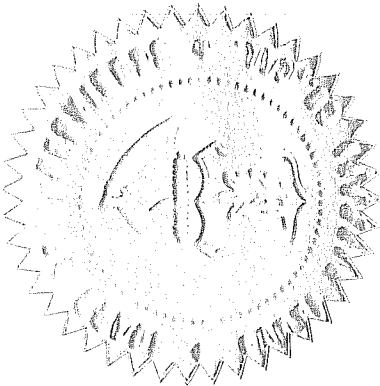
WHEREAS, an estimated 4.73 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide loss (according to the American Association of Suicidology); and

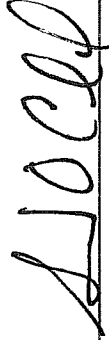
WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness is a barrier to suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for depression and suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Week is a time to recognize suicide as a national and state public health problem by committing to prevention through the following actions; acknowledging that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities; encouraging initiatives based on the goals contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention; and developing and implementing strategies to reduce the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 7th-13th as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of September, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.






Supervisor - 1st District



Supervisor - 2nd District



Supervisor - 3rd District



Supervisor - 4th District



Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board