

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2015, OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, since 1963, communities across the country have come together to celebrate "Older Americans Month" by recognizing the achievements and contributions of our senior citizens. This year, the theme of "Get into the ACT" has been designated to highlight the significant contributions that seniors continue to provide communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census counted 74,995 residents age 60 or over in Santa Barbara County, 54,398 age 65 and over, 27,622 age 75 and over, and 9,090 age 85 and over. Furthermore, residents 85 years and older are one of the faster growing populations in Santa Barbara County and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experience with their families, friends, and neighbors. With an unprecedented number of Americans reaching age 60 and over in the coming years, the next generation promises to become one of our nation's most active and engaged populations in the years to come; and

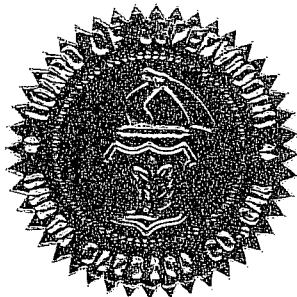
WHEREAS, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, and is known as the "Silver Tsunami" a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the care of older adults and the responsibility we have as a community to prepare for changing needs by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act is currently under consideration in Congress through S. 192 which will extend the Older Americans Act for an additional four years;

WHEREAS, our community will demonstrate our respect and appreciation of our older residents by celebrating their achievements at the 31st annual Older Americans Month Tea on Tuesday, May 26th;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May, 2015 as Older Americans Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to honor our senior citizens as well as those individuals, family members, and care givers who assist them.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of May, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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