

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS MONTH

# CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS;** Methamphetamine is a highly addictive, powerful man-made drug that produces feelings of euphoria that can last up to 24 hours and results in psychotic behavior such as auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, delusion and paranoia and can result in short-term and long-term physical effects in the brain and elsewhere in the body; and

**WHEREAS;** studies have found that methamphetamine use is strongly linked to identity theft, domestic violence, overall crime rates, child abuse, and child neglect; and

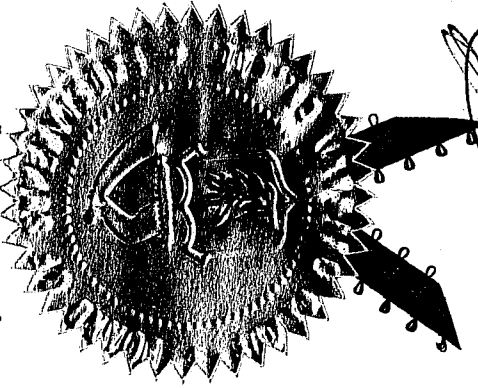
**WHEREAS;** methamphetamine use places significant burdens on local social services and healthcare resources, law enforcement, corrections, courts, treatment programs and Santa Barbara County communities and families are forced to endure the effects of addiction and dependence; and

**WHEREAS;** Methamphetamine use affects individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds. All too often, meth abuse not only ruins the life of the user, it disrupts the lives of the users family, friends, and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS;** National Methamphetamine Awareness Month was established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and educate the public of effective ways to help prevent methamphetamine use at the International, Federal, State and local levels; and

**WHEREAS;** Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition with the Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative has developed and implemented strategies covering methamphetamine education, prevention and intervention and the National Methamphetamine Awareness Month will play an important role in highlighting the community wide efforts to increase awareness and decrease use of this highly addictive and dangerous drug.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim the month of November 2009 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month" in Santa Barbara County. Passed and adopted by all members present this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.



ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Board



Supervisor - 1st District



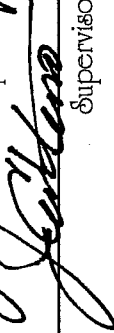
Supervisor - 2nd District



Supervisor - 3rd District



Supervisor - 4th District



Supervisor - 5th District