

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022
AS AIDS AWARENESS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS have impacted the health and lives of millions of people, including many residents of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized internationally as AIDS Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, California and Santa Barbara County are at the forefront of battling both the stigma and the disease of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Pre-Exposure Prophlaxis (PrEP) is an effective medical tool for preventing HIV infections among community members at higher risk; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara works through its public health and other departments to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS with the goal of reducing new infections, and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara works with local agencies and nonprofits to stop the spread of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the National AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest public artwork in the world, representing hundreds of thousands of people lost to AIDS, and locally Quilt Project Gold Coast makes memorial Quilt panels for those lost to AIDS in the Gold Coast; and

WHEREAS, people in communities most impacted by HIV/AIDS, including LGBTQ+, people of color, and migrants, are still being infected and dying, and many have dedicated themselves to educating and raising awareness about the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2022 as AIDS Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, with the hopes to reach zero new infections and that there will one day be a cure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th of October, 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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ATTEST: Monnheyerato

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