

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER, 2014 ADULT LITERACY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, "To learn to read is to light a fire." - Victor Hugo

WHEREAS, "There is no friend as loyal as a book." - Ernest Hemingway

WHEREAS, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." -Kofi Annan

WHEREAS, "Books are a uniquely portable magic." - Stephen King

WHEREAS, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." — Frederick Douglass

WHEREAS, "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." — Walt Disney; and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of California Library Literacy Services. As part of this effort the Santa Barbara Public Library System offers free one-on-one tutoring for adults living and working in the library district; and

WHEREAS, 18% of adults in Santa Barbara County lack basic prose literacy skills which impacts their ability to achieve financial independence and their ability to fully communicate with their families, friends and the greater community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September, 2014 as Adult Literacy Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to raise awareness about the essential role of literacy and the resources available for those who need assistance.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2nd day of September, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: _______CHerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Superviser 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District