

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Nationally recognizes April as Fair Housing Month, which celebrates fair housing laws including the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal housing laws were enacted to protect and to ensure that a fair choice of housing was available to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, or any other arbitrary basis of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is committed to ensuring that all of its residents are apprised and knowledgeable of their rights and responsibilities with respect to fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, local governmental agencies, such as the City of Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Program and non-profit organizations such as the Independent Living Resource Center Inc., and legal agencies such as the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, and California Rural Legal Assistance Inc., and local Community Housing Advocates provide vital services to Santa Barbara County residents in the furtherance of fair housing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERD AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Santa Barbara, and urges all members of the community to educate themselves on the rights and responsibilities relating to fair housing in celebration of this observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of April, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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