

## SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, there are over 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States. In July, 2015 they were joined by their families, friends and other supporters in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state and national levels that affect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS, encouraging individuals with disabilities to be civically engaged and participate in the formation of public policies is essential to ensuring their needs are met and they are fully represented in local, state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, members of the national disability rights community are organizing a national Disability Voter Registration Week (DVRW) July 11th – July 15th;

WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state and national elections and there are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting including REV UP America "Register - Educate - Vote Use your Power" which is a national effort to encourage local and/or state disability community voting coalitions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims July 11-15 "Disability Voter Registration Week" in Santa Barbara County and encourages residents to participate in planned civic activities.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

5th District