



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2018
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis was declared a national emergency, claiming an average of 142 American lives a day; and

WHEREAS, the millions of Americans, including over a million youth aged 12-17, who face a substance use disorder deserve hope for recovery; and

WHEREAS, nine out of ten Americans with substance addictions began using alcohol and/or drugs before age 18, causing teen substance abuse to underlie the most preventable, most costly public health problem in America today; and

WHEREAS, treatment is cost effective at a benefit-to-cost ratio of approximately 12:1, by some measurements, with every \$1 invested in addiction treatment programs yielding \$4 to \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara's Fighting Back, the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and Santa Barbara County alcohol and drug treatment providers invite all of Santa Barbara to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month during September to support community members in recovery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2018 as National Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to celebrate recovery and those who are in recovery, and observe this month by participating in programs and activities that reflect this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community".

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 28th day of August 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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