RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 24, 2018 WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, on March 24, 2018, in honor of World TB Day, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department joins the global partnership to promote CDC's message to "Wanted: Leaders for a TB Free United States. We can make history. End TB"; and

WHEREAS, TB remains the world's leading infectious killer, being responsible for the deaths of nearly 1.7 million people each year and representing the ninth leading cause of death globally and;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Disease Control Program has aligned TB control activities with State and National strategies toward identifying and treating high-risk individuals infected with latent TB infection, a strategy that is the cornerstone for TB elimination; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Public Health Department's strategic plan, the Santa Barbara County Disease Control Program continues to educate and collaborate with medical and general communities about the benefits of utilizing short-term latent tuberculosis treatment regimens that significantly improve adherence rates; hence preventing the incidence of new TB cases in our community; and

WHEREAS, through strong community partnerships, efforts for finding and treating active TB cases are enhanced and support prompt public health interventions vital to ensuring a safe and healthy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 24, 2018, as World Tuberculosis Day in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twentieth day of March 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.