

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2021
As Sexual Assault Awareness Month
In Santa Barbara County**

WHEREAS, April is recognized each year as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, focusing attention on an issue that harms women and men of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is the umbrella term for non-consensual sexual contact or behavior; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a form of abuse that is exacerbated by misogyny, racism, homophobia, and other systems of oppression; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped at some point in their lifetimes, and many more have been harmed by other non-consensual sexual contact or harassment; and

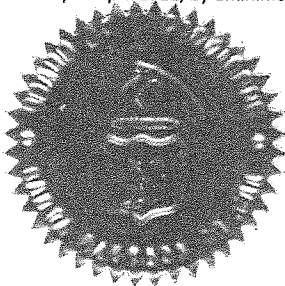
WHEREAS, rape crisis centers, and other community organizations committed to fighting sexual violence, began to emerge in California in the 1970s, and have been doing critical work to prevent sexual assault and support survivors of sexual assault ever since; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County, the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA), UCSB Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE), and other community-based organizations deliver services to hundreds of community members each year, and educate thousands more; and

WHEREAS, all community members can make a difference by supporting survivors of sexual assault in the aftermath of harm, breaking the silence surrounding issues of sexual assault, and speaking with loved ones about the importance of preventing sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of April 2021 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County, and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Santa Barbara County to help prevent sexual assault and support survivors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this sixth day of April 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present



ATTEST: Maureen Reynolds
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