



**Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County**

*Proclaims*

***Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month  
September 2011***

*WHEREAS*, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness, and substance abuse disorders are serious public health problems as evidenced by 4.3 million people receiving treatment for a substance use disorder; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2009 an estimated 21.8 million Americans aged 12 or older were illicit drug users, and an estimated 22.5 million persons (8.9 percent of the population) were classified with substance dependence or abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, approximately 25 percent of persons aged 12 or older participated in binge drinking, translating to approximately 59.6 million people, and among those aged 50 to 59, the rate of past month illicit drug use increased from 2.7 percent in 2002 to 6.2 percent in 2009; and

*WHEREAS*, all Americans have the opportunity to access help through provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and

*WHEREAS*, it is essential to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, public safety officials, businesses and workforce that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same importance as any other health condition;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 2011 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the County of Ventura to demonstrate a continued support and commitment to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, and encourage individuals and communities throughout the County to participate in programs and activities supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone."

PRESENTED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
Linda Parks, Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Steve Bennett  
Supervisor, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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Supervisor, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District