

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PRESENT: Supervisors _____ day _____, 2013

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 19, 2013 AS “WORLD VIRAL HEPATITIS
AWARENESS DAY” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, liver cancer and liver disease related to hepatitis B and C is one of the leading killers in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is the most prevalent blood borne disease in the United States and in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, early detection of hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection promotes effective management or treatment of these infections, preventing disability, loss of productivity and income, and allow persons to live full, satisfying and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the majority of California residents with chronic hepatitis C infection and hepatitis B infection do not know they are infected and are, therefore, at a higher risk of severe liver disease, liver cancer, or liver failure; and

WHEREAS, untreated hepatitis B and hepatitis C are leading causes of liver failure requiring a liver transplant; and

WHEREAS, there is a vaccine for the prevention of hepatitis B, which is the first proven, low-cost vaccination against any form of cancer made available to Americans; and

WHEREAS, the cost of hospitalizations for hepatitis B and hepatitis C related liver cancer, liver disease and liver transplantation in 2010 exceeded \$2 billion in California, most of which was paid for by tax-supported, public health insurers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated guidelines calling for everyone born between 1945 and 1965 to receive a one-time hepatitis C test, which would save over 100,000 lives; and

WHEREAS, public and provider education is a proven means of increasing and improving rates of early detection of communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis awareness education campaigns and accessible screening for hepatitis B and hepatitis C, along with appropriate treatment, can reduce the financial, as well as physical and emotional, damage from hepatitis B and hepatitis C viral infections to individuals and to our community; and

WHEREAS, the SLO Hep C Project has enrolled 900 clients in their supportive service program who are living with hepatitis C, providing over 8,500 face-to-face case management activities and 180,000 meals from their pantry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California hereby declares the May 19, 2013 to be "World Viral Hepatitis Awareness Day" in San Luis Obispo County.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk