

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

_____ DAY _____, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 19, 2014 AS “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 are two of the leading killers in California; and

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

WHEREAS, Early detection of hepatitis B or C infection promotes effective management or treatment of those infections, preventing disability, loss of productivity and income, and allowing people to live full, satisfying, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Undetected and untreated hepatitis B or C infection can lead to disability or death; and

WHEREAS, The majority of estimated 750,000 Californians with chronic hepatitis C infection do not know they are infected, and are therefore at high risk of severe liver disease, liver cancer, or liver failure; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the estimated 350,000 California residents with hepatitis B infection do not know they are infected, and therefore at high risk of severe liver disease, liver cancer, or liver failure; and

WHEREAS, Untreated hepatitis B and C are the leading causes of liver failure requiring liver transplant; 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, In 2013, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued a Grade B rating for screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in persons at high risk for infection and adults born between 1945 and 1965; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 the USPSTF issued a Grade A rating for screening pregnant women for the hepatitis B virus (HBV) during their first prenatal visit; and

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

WHEREAS, Hepatitis B and hepatitis C related hospitalization charges totaled \$2.3 billion in California in 2010, mostly paid for by tax-supported public health insurers; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis awareness education campaigns and accessible screening for hepatitis B and C, along with appropriate treatment, can reduce the damage from hepatitis B and C viral infection to individuals and to the community, financially, as well as physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Hepatitis C Project has enrolled over 900 clients in their supportive service program who are living with hepatitis C, providing over 10,000 face-to-face case management activities and over 200,000 meals from their pantry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors, of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby proclaim May 19, 2014 as "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.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk