

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a major cause of numerous social disorders including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, crime, as well as permanent brain damage that lasts throughout one's lifetime; and

WHEREAS, at least 1 in every 100 individuals in the United States has some degree of brain damage from prenatal exposure to alcohol that is preventable; sixty percent of individuals with FASD, disorders and effect, impact the criminal justice and corrections systems; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes grant awarded to the Santa Clara FASD Task Force produced its second DVD of two videos to help the criminal justice and correction systems; and

WHEREAS, economists estimate that each individual with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder will cost the U.S. taxpayer at least two million dollars in his or her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, people around the world will observe the seventh international fetal alcohol spectrum awareness day, the week of September 4th – 9th to remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim September 8, 2006 as

INTERNATIONAL FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Twenty-Ninth Day of August, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

James T. Beall, Jr., Chair
Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
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