



**THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Resolution Recognizing Sunday, September 9th, 2012 as the
14th Annual International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
(F.A.S.D.) Awareness Day**

Requester: Clint Weirick, Liaison to Beginnings of San Luis Obispo County

Background:

Beginnings of San Luis Obispo County is a local collaborative whose Mission Statement is “*Beginnings’ mission is to create a local culture that supports women in their efforts to abstain from alcohol, tobacco or other harmful substances during pregnancy.*” The San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board established a more formal relationship with this collaborative through the exercising of the appointment of a liaison to it per the board’s bylaws under Article VI. Other Boards and Committees at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 (04-19-12). More information about this collaborative can be found here: <http://www.BeginningsOfSLO.org/>.

Beginnings of San Luis Obispo County in recent years have annually hosted recognition activities locally for the annual International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (F.A.S.D.) Awareness Day. The day is to recognize those living with F.A.S.D. and also bringing awareness about the dangers drinking any level of alcohol during pregnancy can result in. This topical matter fits under the purview of this board. It has been requested from Beginnings of San Luis Obispo County for this board to adopt a resolution recognizing this day in order to further enhance that day’s purpose for awareness.

Due to no August 2012 meeting scheduled at the time of this proposal being written and the likelihood the next meeting will be Thursday, September 20th, 2012 (09-20-12), it’s in the best interest of the board to adopt this item at the Thursday, July 19th, 2012 (07-19-12) meeting in order to have it approved and distributed in a timeframe that will make it relevant.

Action Requested:

Move that the attached resolution be adopted as presented, direct the chair of the board to sign it on this board’s behalf and distribute to the listed entities.



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19th Day of July

RESOLUTION NO. 02-12

**Resolution of the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Recognizing Sunday, September 9th, 2012 as the
14th Annual International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (F.A.S.D.) Awareness Day**

WHEREAS, healthy children are the most important resource in the San Luis Obispo County; and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders pose a serious threat to the potential health of our future generation; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty years have passed since Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was identified and named as a birth disorder by United States researchers; and

WHEREAS, prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause birth defects, mental retardation, learning disabilities, attention deficits, and behavior disorders; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, more than 30% of pregnant women in San Luis Obispo County reported drinking alcohol in their first trimester; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are entirely preventable; and

WHEREAS, people around the world began observing International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day on September 9th each year beginning in 1999, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board recognize that September 9th is "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Day", to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, to increase compassion for those individuals so affected, to minimize further effects, and to ensure healthier communities across San Luis Obispo County in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board extends its appreciation for the activities the Beginnings of San Luis Obispo County collaborative is doing during the month of September to locally recognize this day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed, but not limited, to: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, San Luis Obispo County Health Commission, California State Assemblyman District 33 Khatchik "Katcho" Hratchia Achadjian, California State Senator District 15 Samuel "Sam" Norman Blakeslee, California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Christopher Newsom, California Governor Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown, Jr., United States House of Representatives California District 22 Kevin McCarthy, United States House of Representatives California District 23 Lois Grimsrud Capps, United States California Senator Barbara Levy Boxer, United States California Senator Diane Goldman Berman Feinstein, and United States of America President Barack Hussein Obama II.

Upon motion of Board Member _____, second by Board Member _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

The foregoing resolution is here by adopted:

Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board

ATTEST:

Staff of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board