

PROCLAMATION

Presented by San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts

HONORING Southern Caregiver Resource Center

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Live Well San Diego* initiative to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the *Live Well San Diego* initiative is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veterans' organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center has shared the values and vision for creating a healthy, safe and thriving society for adults and their caregivers in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Southern Caregiver Resource Center has been providing Case Management, Respite Care, Educational Training and Legal /Financial Consultation to support Family Caregivers caring for adults with chronic and /or disabling conditions; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center has made a commitment to serving veterans and their family members through their adoption of the Operation Family Caregiver Program for caregivers of post -911 conflicts as well as service members with Traumatic Brain Injury and/or other physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center demonstrates awareness of the challenges caregivers face by offering specialized, culturally appropriate and evidence-based programs as well as direct services free of charge to the family caregiver while focusing on their wellbeing and desire for continued support, and;

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center was recognized in 2012 by the Rosalynn Carter Foundation with the "Leadership in Caregiving" award, for its innovative partnership with community agencies and caregiving researchers, bridging the gap between science and practice; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center staff participate actively in the Community Action Networks to promote awareness of issues related to caregivers and advocate for these individuals; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center has contributed to caregiver support efforts as a founding member of the Caregiver Coalition since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Southern Caregiver Resource Center fully supports and is committed to continuing to advance *Live Well San Diego* into the future, and is embracing strategies of this initiative in ways illustrated here:

- Featuring an article in SCRCs Wavelength's newsletter on the Live Well San Diego Initiative, reaching 14,000 caregivers and professionals;
- Participating in the Board of Supervisors' Alzheimer's Project by serving on the Care Roundtable and providing recommendations; and
- Promoting the *Live Well San Diego* message through their educational and outreach activities aimed at improving the physical, emotional and mental health of the family caregivers they serve.

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Supervisor Ron Roberts and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of January 2015 that they commend *Southern Caregiver Resource Center* for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the *Southern Caregiver Resource Center LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY.*"