



PROCLAMATION

Presented By Supervisor Ron Roberts

HONORING THE SAN DIEGO BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS, with the health, safety and well-being of San Diego County residents being of primary concern, on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Live Well San Diego initiative to advance its vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1976 the San Diego Black Nurses Association (SDBNA) has strived to fulfill its mission as a premier provider of health education and promotion, and to decrease health disparities through advocacy and education; and

WHEREAS, the SDBNA's purpose is to work collaboratively with other healthcare and community organizations to improve the health of our residents by providing education, prevention and advocacy, by sponsoring and mentoring nursing students and by recruiting and maintaining nurses in the organization; and

WHEREAS, the SDBNA's target populations are African-Americans and other underserved residents of San Diego, with a focus on Southeast San Diego where a disproportionate number of residents are affected by high rates of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and other health issues; and

WHEREAS, for the last 10 years, SDBNA has worked with the County's Health and Human Services Agency on its annual Influenza Immunization program, helping publicize the program's kick off and then providing more than 1,000 immunizations at local churches, health fairs, senior centers and retirement homes; and

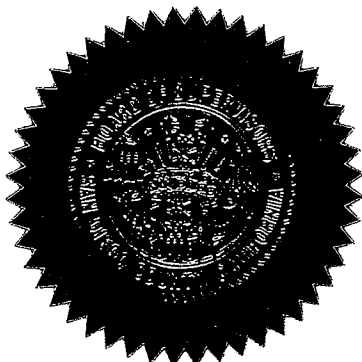
WHEREAS, SDBNA held its first "Health Expo" on August 23, 2014, at the Jacob Center in Southeast San Diego, drawing a sizable crowd interested in the free screenings, education and other health services for residents; and

WHEREAS, over the past 39 years, the San Diego Black Nurses Association has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to recipients enrolled in an accredited nursing program and provided a support system to nursing students through mentoring and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Black Nurses Association, Inc. has proven its commitment to the Live Well San Diego initiative and a collaborative partnership that will improve the quality of life San Diego residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those groups that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and the San Diego Black Nurses Association, Inc. is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Bill Horn and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of February, 2015, that they commend the SAN DIEGO BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC. for outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to area residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "SAN DIEGO BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC. LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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