HONORING LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO AS A 'LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO' PARTNER

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 Live Well San Diego as the county’s vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego vision is about uniting all sectors – business, schools, military and veterans organizations, community and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government – to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego strives to create a healthy, safe and thriving San Diego County, fighting for justice for all residents by empowering low-income clients with free civil legal assistance, effective referrals and representation; and

WHEREAS, through the Consumer Center for Health, Education, and Advocacy, Legal Aid provides education to help clients understand the numerous health coverage options, how to access tax credits to help pay for health insurance through Covered California or to qualify for Medi-Cal, and if needed, to support clients in denial appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Senior Mobile Technology Lab provides computer skills training workshops on how to access online resources and health information throughout the community for those 60 years and older, their family members and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, as the County-designated Title IX Patients’ Rights Advocate for outpatient services in San Diego County, Legal Aid receives and acts upon complaints from patients, families, friends and community partners to protect the rights of persons with mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego is committed to continuing to advance Live Well San Diego into the future, encouraging self-empowerment in the fight against poverty and injustice; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and the Legal Aid Society of San Diego 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 27th day of October, 2015 that they commend the LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of County residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO 'LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO' DAY" throughout San Diego County.