



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County**
SUPPORTING

*Safe and Secure Prescription Drug Disposal
"Drug Take Back Day"*

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription medications is a growing public health concern that puts young lives at risk; and

WHEREAS, over half of the people using prescription drugs non-medically obtained them from a friend or relative for free; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug advertising on TV, magazines and social media is pervasive; and

WHEREAS, many young people mistakenly think that it is safer to misuse prescription medications than illegal street drugs; and

WHEREAS, parents often are unaware that young people are abusing prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 30% to 80% of patients do not finish commonly prescribed medications, including powerful painkillers; and

WHEREAS, these medications have a legitimate medical use when used properly, but misuse leads to accidental poisonings, overdose, addiction and even death; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs calls for appropriate securing of and safe disposal of unused medicines; and

WHEREAS, safe, secure, convenient disposal sites are located in many cities across Ventura County; and

*WHEREAS, Saturday, April 28, 2012 was declared a National Prescription *Drug Take-Back Day* to safely collect unused and unwanted medications; and*

WHEREAS, the local Take-Back Day events of 2011 were a tremendous success to Increase Public Safety,

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors supports and encourages safe, secure and environmentally sound disposal of unused and expired medication, making every day *Drug Take Back Day*.*

Presented This 24th Day of April 2012


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