



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

The Week of April 22 thru 28, 2012 as Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week

WHEREAS, over 50,000 American citizens are diagnosed every year with cancer of the head and neck region; and

WHEREAS, less than 60 percent of all head and neck cancer patients will live 5 years following their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, over 85% of all oral and head and neck cancers could have been prevented and a small percentage of the people of the United States understand the disease, its causes, its treatments, or its prevention; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals treated for this disease encounter disability due to breathing, swallowing, speaking, physical and or visual difficulties; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of this disease process could result in earlier diagnosis, lower functional disability, and higher survival rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2012 as ORAL, HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Furthermore, hereby proclaim the day of Friday April 27th, 2012 as ORAL, HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS DAY in Ventura County, California, and encourage everyone to get involved and participate in screenings for oral and head and neck cancer.

Presented This 24th Day of April 2012


Chair of the Board of Supervisors
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