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PROCLAMATION ***"National Children's Dental Health Month"***

WHEREAS, the American Dental Association has made the month of February, National Children's Dental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health reports that some 80% of tooth decay in this country is suffered by 25% of its children; and

WHEREAS, for every child under 18-years old without medical insurance, there are at least two children without dental insurance, according to the U.S Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control states that nearly one in four children under the age of five already have cavities; and

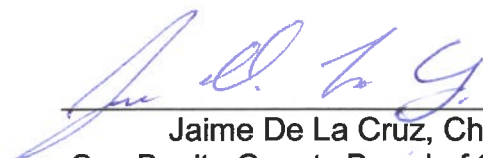
WHEREAS, the San Benito County Oral Health Program will encourage all residents to join in this observance and support those who are participating in community efforts to improve dental health care for children, throughout the month of February; and parents, caregivers, teachers and many others; and

WHEREAS, brought to the public by the American Dental Association, National Children's Dental Health Month is held every February as a month-long national health observance that brings together thousands of dedicated professionals, health care providers and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, and

WHEREAS, February 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of community water fluoridation, and the American Dental Association is helping dentists celebrate the occasion as National Children's Dental Health Month approaches. In honor of the program, the slogan for the 2020 National Children's Dental Health Month is "Fluoride in water prevents cavities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and recognized that during the month of February, we join together in partnership engaging our policymakers, community and citizens in a conversation about the awareness of our children's oral health, and let it be known that we support the efforts of all, who end dental disease in our children.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this on this 18th day of February, 2020.


Jaime De La Cruz, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors