

PROCLAMATION
HONORING WINNERS OF THE 2015
DIRECTING CHANGE
STUDENT FILM CONTEST

WHEREAS, the Directing Change Student Program and Film Contest is part of statewide efforts to prevent suicide, eliminate stigma and discrimination related to mental illness, and to promote the mental health and wellness of students; and

WHEREAS, young people are the future, their education and engagement in prevention activities will both help them promote school-based prevention programs and help them become more knowledgeable and compassionate future leaders; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Directing Change has partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness of California, the California Department of Education, and many other programs to eliminate stigma associated with mental illness and raise awareness about suicide prevention through their film contest; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has resulted in more than 3,000 students statewide creating over 1,200 films focused on directing change in their communities and have been viewed over 42,000 times and distributed throughout California; and

*WHEREAS, in this year's competition, four students from **Torrey Pines High School, Jessica Rose, Gabby Pacula, Madi Lombard and Diego Majewski**, collaborated to create a video entitled "Let It Go," which tied for third place in the statewide competition for the San Diego Region; and*

WHEREAS, programs such as this are extremely valuable because students become exceptionally knowledgeable about mental illness and suicide prevention by applying what they learn to the films they create;

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Chairman Bill Horn and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 4th day of August 2015 that they commend **Jessica Rose, Gabby Pacula, Madi Lombard and Diego Majewski** for their contribution to our community, and do hereby declare this day to be "**Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Stigma Elimination Day**" throughout San Diego County.*