

RESOLUTION

**Resolution in Support of Legal Aid Society of San Diego Partnership in the
County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego* Vision**

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* to achieve 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 veteran's organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) is a proud, committed and compassionate group of people dedicated to providing equal access to justice for poor people through quality legal services. As legal advocates we will redress our clients' legal problems, empower our clients to access and effectively participate within the legal, governmental and social systems and encourage self-empowerment in the fight against poverty and injustice; and

WHEREAS, LASSD's Consumer Center for Health, Education, and Advocacy (Consumer Center) provides education and advocacy so consumers can get the health services they need. The Consumer Center's mission is to empower consumers through effective education and advocacy such as helping clients understand the health coverage programs (i.e. Covered California, Medi-Cal, Medicare, Cal MediConnect, County Medical Services and others), accessing tax credits or subsidies to help pay for Covered California health care coverage, qualifying for free Medi-Cal coverage including the new expanded Medi-Cal, appealing denials from a health coverage program; and


WHEREAS, the LASSD Senior Mobile Technology Lab staff assist those 60 years and older adults, their family members, and caregivers access online resources and health information. Basic and/or advanced computer skills training are provided in labs and workshops. Consumer health advocate and peer advocates travel to senior centers, congregate meal sites, housing facilities, clubhouses, and other community sites; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of San Diego is the County-designated Title IX Patients' Rights Advocate for outpatient services in San Diego County, we can take and act upon complaints from patients, family, friends, even staff. Our staff work throughout the county arguing for the rights of persons with mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of San Diego staff explain the Affordable Care Act and Covered California Health Exchange. This includes Mental Health Parity. We push for services for those with no insurance. We advocate for our County at the Covered California Health Exchange. We help those with mental health disabilities and their family members; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of San Diego is committed to continuing to advance *Live Well San Diego* into the future, and is embracing strategies of this initiative, including Building a Better Service Delivery System; Supporting Positive Choices; Pursuing Policy and Environmental Change; and Improving Culture Within;

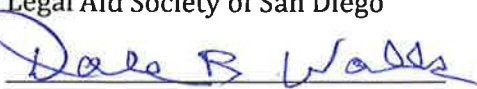
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Legal Aid Society of San Diego is in support of becoming a *Live Well San Diego* partner. The Executive Director/Chief Counsel is hereby authorized to execute documents and perform all acts necessary to carry out the intention of this resolution. This resolution will take effect immediately.



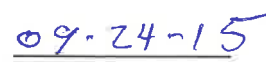
Gregory E. Knoll, ESQ.
Executive Director/Chief Counsel
Legal Aid Society of San Diego



Date



Dale B. Walls
Secretary, Board of Directors
Legal Aid Society of San Diego



Date