



# County of San Diego California

## PROCLAMATION

Presented by Chairman Ron Roberts

### HONORING WORDS ALIVE

*WHEREAS, the health and well-being of citizens 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 as the blueprint for achieving the County's vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego vision is about uniting all sectors – business, schools, military and veterans organizations, community and faith-based organizations and all levels of government – to bring about positive change; and*

*WHEREAS, Words Alive is a leading literacy non-profit in San Diego focused on opening opportunities for life success through the power of reading; and*

*WHEREAS, established in 1999, the organization was founded on the belief that if you value reading and understand its fundamental connection to all aspects of your life, you will thrive as a lifelong learner, ready to transform your community; and*

*WHEREAS, Words Alive works with about 5,500 at-risk students and families on a monthly basis through its three primary programs: Read Aloud, Teen Services and Family Literacy; and*

*WHEREAS, today, Words Alive is present within 22 Adolescent Book Groups classrooms, 181 Read Aloud classrooms, a new Family Literacy Program, a successful Words Alive Westreich Scholarship program, and numerous community collaborations; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring organizations who strive to support the Live Well San Diego vision to achieve healthy, safe and thriving communities that improve quality of life for all, and Words Alive is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,*

*BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Ron Roberts and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016, that they commend WORDS ALIVE for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of San Diego county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "WORDS ALIVE DAY" throughout the County of San Diego.*



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