



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 22, 2010 AS THE FIRST ANNUAL HARVEY MILK DAY

*WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in a major city, serving on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 1977-1978; and*

*WHEREAS, the first piece of legislation Milk wrote/sponsored while in office was a non-discrimination bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. At the time, it was the most far-reaching non-discrimination law in the country, showing that LGBT representation in elected office is vital to advancing LGBT civil rights and equality; and*

*WHEREAS, while in office, Milk worked to pass a gay rights ordinance and to defeat Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in public schools; and*

*WHEREAS, Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine's most influential people of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the major motion picture MILK, chronicling the rise and fall of Harvey Milk, has captivated audiences worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS, Milk encouraged LGBT people to be visible in society and believed that coming out was the only way that they could achieve true social equality; and*

*WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was concerned that his raised profile as an openly gay man marked him as a target for assassination, and recorded on tape his thoughts: "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door." Tragically, Milk was assassinated in 1978.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes May 22, 2010 the first annual Harvey Milk Day.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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