

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

*WHEREAS, National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration to raise awareness of the value of America's public gardens and their important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education in communities nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, National Public Gardens Day is presented by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and Rain Bird and also includes many of the nation's public gardens that host special community events and activities which encourage thousands of visitors to explore and discover their local public gardens; and*

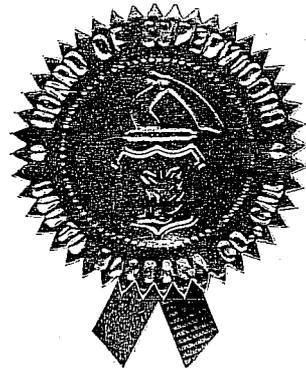
*WHEREAS, the public gardens of Santa Barbara county inspire us with their beauty and serenity and are an integral part of our cultural landscape that instills an appreciation of nature and provides both physical and mental health benefits; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara manages 65 parks, coastal beaches, trails, open spaces and campgrounds, encompassing 8,276 acres with 114 linear miles of trails that offer a wide variety of native plants, trees, wildflowers, birds, and wildlife which are enjoyed by an average of 6.2 million visitors per year; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's celebration of National Public Gardens Day marks the first countywide coordinated event for public and nonprofit sectors in the country with local partners including the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Ganna Walska Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, Old Mission Santa Barbara, City of Santa Barbara - Parks & Recreation, Santa Barbara County Parks, Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens, Santa Barbara Foundation, Santa Barbara Beautiful, and PARC Foundation;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as "National Public Gardens Day" in Santa Barbara County and recognizes the essential value and importance of public gardens to our history, economy, landscape, and environment.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present*



ATTEST: Chandra Walker  
Clerk of the Board

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