

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
THE NURSERY AND FLOWER GROWING INDUSTRY  
FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE ECONOMY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

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*WHEREAS, agriculture is one of the most important industries and economic drivers in Santa Barbara County with a combined annual gross value of more than 1.1 billion dollars; and*

*WHEREAS, the net annual impact of agriculture to the total economy of Santa Barbara County is more than 2 billion dollars; and*

*WHEREAS, the Nursery and Flower Industry consists of over 21 million square feet of greenhouse space and 1,700 acres in production with a gross value of more than 176 million dollars; and*

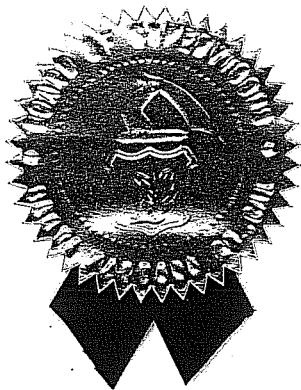
*WHEREAS, flowers and plants from Santa Barbara County sold internationally are known in markets around the globe for their high quality; and*

*WHEREAS, a recent study by the California Cut Flower Commission showed that Santa Barbara County growers produce more cut flowers than any other county in California with a total economic impact of 648 million dollars in Santa Barbara County; and*

*WHEREAS, Nursery and Flower Growers implement environmentally friendly business practices including Integrated Pest Management, limiting their use of pesticides, use of biological control techniques when possible, recycling water when possible, and minimizing water run-off to nearby creeks;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends the local Nursery and Flower Growing Industry and our growers for their significant and valuable contributions to sustaining local agriculture and the economic prosperity of Santa Barbara County.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of February, 2009 by 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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