



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING LUKE BRANQUINHO
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY
AS A THREE TIME WORLD STEER WRESTLING CHAMPION**

WHEREAS, Luke Branquinho has excelled in his profession, brought great excitement to our local community, and carried on the traditions of ranching and rodeo in true competitive fashion by winning his third World Steer Wrestling Championship on December 10th, 2011 ; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 Luke has won numerous rodeos and titles around the country including two aggregate championships at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, two Dodge National Circuit Finals championships, rodeos in Fort Worth, San Antonio, and San Angelo, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Ellensburg, Washington; Sisters, Oregon; Salinas, California, and the Santa Maria Elks rodeo, and was 2000 rookie of the year in steer wrestling; and

WHEREAS, Luke won \$234, 518 in 2011 and has won \$1,800, 269 so far in his career; and

WHEREAS, Luke enjoys strong ties to the Central Coast region, having grown up in Los Alamos, gone to Santa Ynez High School and helps run his family ranch at Branquinho farming and ranching, where he hopes to continue to help run when he retires from the rodeo arena, so that his children have the same life growing up as he did; and

WHEREAS, Luke has been an inspiration to those with diabetes by educating others and being outspoken about how he manages his busy lifestyle as a professional athlete while controlling his Type I diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the work ethic, proud heritage, and cowboy spirit is embodied by Luke Branquinho each time he enters the arena to wrestle a steer, or when he is enjoying spending time with his family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Luke Branquinho for his outstanding contributions to our community, for being a champion in World Steer Wrestling and for living each day to the fullest.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of April, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Walker
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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