



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 19-23, 2007 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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**WHEREAS;** National Agriculture Week is celebrated every year on the week of the first day of spring to honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS;** Santa Barbara County's diversified agriculture provides a strong base for our local economy with a local impact of nearly 2 billion dollars annually; and,

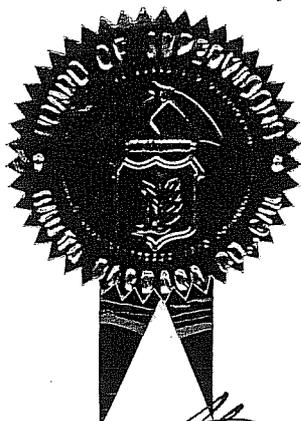
**WHEREAS;** Agriculture provides millions of jobs throughout the farm and food industry, including farmers, ranchers, field workers, processors, shippers, scientists, and retailers, to name just a few; and,

**WHEREAS;** It is important to note that farmers and ranchers ensure a sustainable resource base for future generations and is an important contributor in the protection of the environment and in the mitigation of global warming; and,

**WHEREAS;** Agriculture education is vital to ensure that American agriculture continues to flourish. The agriculture community engages tens of thousands of volunteers and organizations such as California Women for Agriculture to help educate their members, policymakers and the consumer about agriculture's role in America.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims **MARCH 19-23, 2007 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK** and encourages members of the public to participate in activities that acknowledge, support and celebrate agriculture.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007 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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