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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2012
AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the significant contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans who serve as leaders in business, government, the military, law, education, science, athletics, the arts, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress celebrated the contributions of Hispanic Americans by officially proclaiming the Week of September 15 as Hispanic Heritage Week. It was expanded under President Reagan in 1988 to its current month-long recognition; and

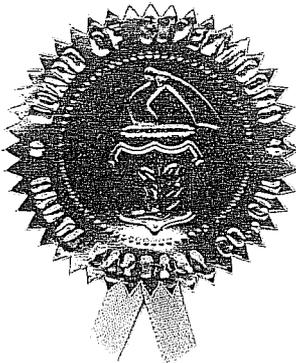
WHEREAS, the theme for 2012 "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories...One American Spirit" celebrates the diversity of experiences that are part of the Hispanic and Latino community while also recognizing the collective impact they have had in broadening opportunities for all American's to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 United States Census, Hispanic Americans are the largest ethnic minority in the United States, with an estimated population of 50.5 million people, comprising 16% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans actively participate in our democratic institutions which include serving as elected representatives in the U.S. Congress and as governors, judges, mayors, city council members, school board members and other essential public offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares September 15-October 15, 2012 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in celebrations and activities that will occur.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18th day of October, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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