



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL NATIVE
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH **CALIFORNIA**

 WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month began as a proposal passed in 1915 suggesting there be an American Indian Day to honor the first Americans. The day would serve as a way to remember those who dwelled in the land first, before European exploration, and;

WHEREAS, What started as a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in an entire month devoted to learning more about the first inhabitants of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, This special recognition gives homage to the rich heritage and great influence that Native Americans have contributed to our nation. Within the County of Santa Barbara we pay tribute to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians who have been an integral part of the social, political and economic underpinnings, and;

WHEREAS, The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians have played a vital role in the development and viability of our local economy. In the Santa Ynez Valley area, tourism and agriculture continue to be the primary industries. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians significantly contributes to the tourism industry, bringing in some 6,000 patrons per day to the tribe's Chumash Casino Resort. Those visitors also bring patronage to the various businesses in the Santa Ynez Valley, and;

WHEREAS, Giving back to the community has always been a tradition of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The Chumash Elders teach many important lessons in life – including the fact that a distinguishing characteristic of the Chumash is a spirit of generosity, which is called 'amuyich'. By celebrating National Native American Heritage Month, we confirm our commitment to recognize those contributions of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ancestors and the contributions of the tribe today.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of November 2012 as NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Santa Barbara County and urges all county residents to participate in this observation, thereby fostering the celebration of diversity and keeping strong the rich cultural foundation of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6th day of November 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walker
 Clerk of the Board

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