



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL LEMON INDUSTRY

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 the net annual impact of agriculture to the total economy of Santa Barbara County is more than \$2 Billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the growing of lemons is thought to have originated in the Indus River Valley in, what is now, India and Pakistan, moving westward into Palestine and Europe as early as the 1st Century AD. Lemons were first introduced into the Americas in 1493 when Christopher Columbus brought seeds to Hispaniola on one of his voyages and introduced into California over 200 years ago during the early mission years; and

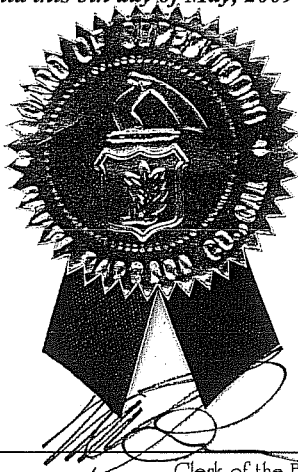
WHEREAS, the first commercial plantings of lemons in Santa Barbara County were recorded in the 1890's when Sherman Stow planted 600 acres on his ranch in Goleta; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, over 1,500 acres of lemons were grown in Santa Barbara County with a gross dollar value of 13 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, in addition to food uses and their nutritional value, lemons have many uses including: medicinal purposes, cleansers, sanitizers, furniture polishes, insecticides, cattle feed and aroma therapy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the 5th day of May, 2009, and the local lemon industry and our lemon growers for their important and valuable contributions to local agriculture and to the quality of life in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of May, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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 Supervisor - 1st District

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