

# County of Santa Barbara

## RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

**WHEREAS**, in 1776 the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the right of the thirteen American colonies to self-governance and establishing the foundational principles of liberty, democracy, and justice - government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 250 years the United States has grown from a fledgling republic into a global leader, continually striving to uphold these ideals, and in 2026 will commemorate its 250th anniversary, known as the Semiquincentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's journey, honor the sacrifices made to protect its freedoms, celebrate its achievements, and reaffirm a shared commitment to ensuring that future generations continue to enjoy the rights and liberties enshrined in the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as the Rancho Purisima Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, contribute significantly to the County of Santa Barbara by promoting patriotism, supporting education, and advancing historic preservation, thereby safeguarding our shared heritage and inspiring civic responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, as the nation marks this milestone, Americans are called to work together to address the challenges of the 21st century, recognize the contributions of diverse communities in shaping the country's identity, and foster a society grounded in mutual respect, understanding, equity, and opportunity for all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby recognize and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, honoring the nation's enduring spirit, resilience, and determination, and reaffirming the principles that continue to guide and unite our people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Iniguez*  
ATTEST: 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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