



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 4, 2015 AS
FILIPINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Filipino-American Friendship Day, July 4, is a day in the Philippines designated to commemorate the liberation of the country by joint Filipino and American forces from the Japanese occupation at the end of World War II; and

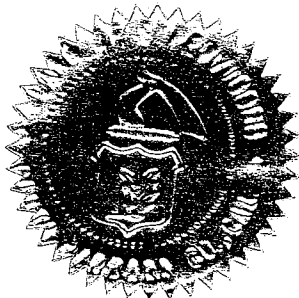
WHEREAS, initially, the nation's Independence Day holiday (Araw ng Kalayaan) was held on July 4. It was later moved to June 12, the date on which the Philippines had declared independence from Spain in 1898. Filipino-American Friendship Day was created in its place to coincide with the United States' Independence Day on July 4th; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Filipino-American community, numbering more than 1,500 members, will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Filipino Community Association of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Filipinos and Americans alike will take time and pride in jointly celebrating their independence on July 4, 2015, and our local Filipino-American community welcomes and encourages all residents of Santa Barbara County to experience the beauty, cultural and traditional heritage of the Philippines during these festivities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors the Filipino-American Community upon the celebration of their independence and further commends their contributions to the rich cultural heritage of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 23rd day of June, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monroe Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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Janet Wolf
Supervisor - 2nd District
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Supervisor - 3rd District
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