



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF PROPOSITION 13

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1978, Proposition 13, officially titled the "People's Initiative to Limit Property Taxation," and popularly known as the "Jarvis-Gann Initiative," was overwhelmingly approved by California's voters, reducing property tax rates on homes, businesses, and farms, and capping the rate of increase in the future; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the adoption of Proposition 13, California's raging inflation had sent property tax bills in California soaring so high that many families had to sell their homes because they could not afford to pay their taxes; and

WHEREAS, With the approval of Proposition 13, ended the previous subjective standard for assessment that engendered the property tax assessment abuses that occurred in the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition 13, taxpayers, for the first time, were provided a measure of certainty with respect to their property taxes; and

WHEREAS, In the 35 years following the passage of Proposition 13, the average homeowner has saved tens of thousands of dollars in property tax payments, money that was able to be spent in the economy to create jobs and foster economic development; and

WHEREAS, The volatility of income and sales tax revenue to the state and local governments is a major flaw in California's tax system, while Proposition 13 has rendered California's property taxes as a stable and predictable source of public revenue, even during economic downturns, that has provided a major benefit to local governments throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 13, voters' 2-to-1 rejection in 1992 of Proposition 137 suggests that the split roll alternative to the current system, in which business would pay property taxes at a rate higher than that imposed on residential properties, finds little favor with voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 has become a nationwide symbol for taxpayer revolt and for citizens exercising control and power over their governance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of the impact and importance of Proposition 13 has had on the State of California, formally commemorates June 6, 2013, as the 35th anniversary date of Proposition 13;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 4th Day of June, 2013, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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