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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS WEEK  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, established in 1926, is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year and is distinguished as the oldest botanic garden in the nation dedicated to the study, conservation and display of California native plants; and*

*WHEREAS, California, with over 5,200 native plant species, is home to 25% of all the diversity of plants in North America, North of Mexico -- including 2,150 species which only exist in California; and*

*WHEREAS, California's native plants perform essential ecosystem services such as improving air and water quality, reducing flooding and erosion, mitigating the heat island effect, and providing habitat and recreational opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Department of Fish and Game recognizes nearly one-quarter of California's native plants as "special status plants" that warrant additional protections; and*

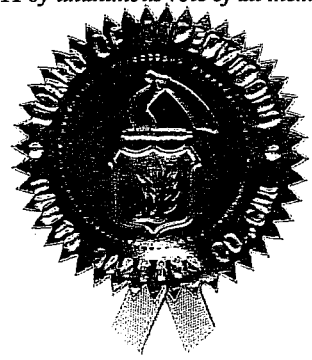
*WHEREAS, the Garden displays nearly 1000 species of living plants, preserves over 150,000 herbarium specimens, banks over 1600 collections of seed, maintains a botanical library of 15,000 volumes, and serves as a repository of germplasm and information about California native plants; and*

*WHEREAS, the Garden's education programs have inspired and informed generations of California citizens about the value of native plants and the vital role they play in the health of our shared environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the Garden promotes native plant horticulture through research, publications, Garden displays an its Plant Introduction Program -- from which 39 native plant cultivars have been introduced to the trade;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> "Native Plant Week in Santa Barbara County" and commends the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for its work in promoting the essential value and importance of California native plants to our history, economy, landscape, and environment;

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present*



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