

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2009
AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the significant contributions and achievements of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2009 is "Latinos Leading in a Global Society" which is demonstrated throughout the United States by the many Hispanic Americans who serve as leaders in business, government, law, science, athletics, the arts, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultural traditions and proud heritage of Hispanic Americans, many of whom made great sacrifices to provide for their families and promote the development of the next generation of American entrepreneurs and civic leaders; and

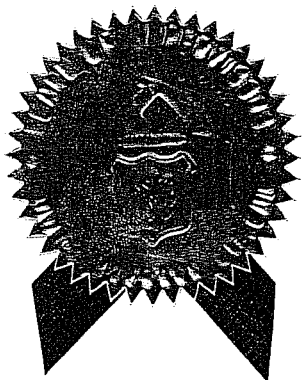
WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau lists Hispanic Americans as the largest ethnic minority in the United States with an estimated population of 46.9 million people as of July, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at all levels of government from the United States Senate to local city and county offices; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 1.1 million Hispanic American veterans who have sacrificed in defense of this nation's freedom, serving in every major American conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares September 15-October 15, 2009 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in celebrations and activities that will occur.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 22nd day of September, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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