

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RECOGNIZING THE SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 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 and Latino Americans who serve our nation in business, government, the military, law, education, science, athletics, the arts, and the many other fields; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2021, 62.1 million people or 18.9% of the population are of Hispanic or Latino in origin – representing a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population; and*

*WHEREAS, in California, Latinos are now the largest ethnic group and are projected to be a full majority by mid-century; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress celebrated the contributions of Hispanic Americans by officially proclaiming the week of September 15 as Hispanic Heritage Week, then expanded under President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to its current month-long recognition; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme for 2022, "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation," this theme reinforces the need to ensure diverse voices and perspectives are welcomed in decision-making processes, thereby helping to build stronger communities, a stronger Nation, and also reminds us that we are stronger together; and*

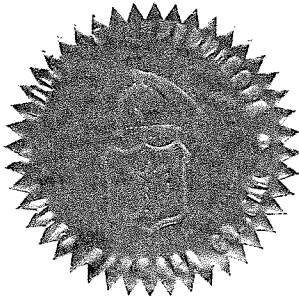
*WHEREAS, this month is a celebration of the significant contributions of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and their achievement in the United States; this includes commitments to education, economic innovation and development, social justice, military service, and culturally diverse communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans have had a long history of leading movements for justice and equity and are now actively participating in serving our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic as our teachers, business owners, scientists, soldiers, farmworkers, first responders, artists, activists, colleagues, among many other professions; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor the resilience and commitment of the Hispanic and Latino American communities as they work towards a brighter future for all residents of Santa Barbara County; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors declares September 15-October 15, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in supporting any activities that will occur, in a manner appropriate with COVID-19 regulations.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monica Reyes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Rob Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Agay Shah*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*John Valle*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Bob Moran*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*St. Juan*  
Supervisor - 5th District