

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL BROCCOLI INDUSTRY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Whereas, Agriculture is one of the most important industries and economic drivers in Santa Barbara County with a combined annual gross value of more than \$1.1 Billion dollars; and

Whereas, The net annual impact of agriculture to the total economy of Santa Barbara County is more than \$2 Billion dollars; and

Whereas, The growing of broccoli is thought to have originated in Asia Minor, moving westward into Italy as early as the 8th Century B.C.; and

Whereas, While broccoli was first introduced into the United States over 200 years ago, it was not grown for commercial purposes until 1922; and

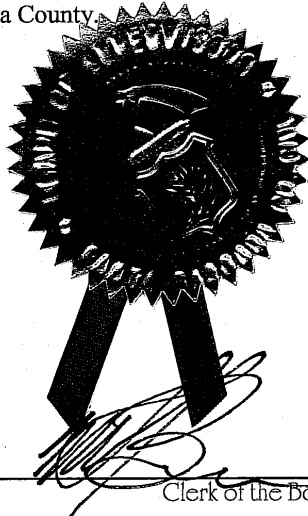
Whereas, The first commercial plantings of broccoli in Santa Barbara County were recorded in 1930; and

Whereas, Broccoli has been one of the top 5 crops in gross dollar value in Santa Barbara County for over 50 years; and

Whereas, in 2007, over 28,000 acres of Broccoli were grown in Santa Barbara County with a gross dollar value of over 131 million dollars; and

Whereas, The outstanding nutritional value of broccoli is well documented and the national Cancer Institute suggest that broccoli may be important in the prevention of some types of cancer.

Now therefore be it hereby resolved on this 10th day of March, 2009, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes the local broccoli industry and our broccoli growers for their important and valuable contributions to local agriculture and to the quality of life in Santa Barbara County.



ATTEST:

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