



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING

THE CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY COMMISSION AND LORENA CHAVEZ AS THE FIRST LATINA WOMAN CHAIR FOR THE CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the California Strawberry Commission is a state government agency in California charged with conducting research to support California's strawberry industry, with an emphasis on sustainable farming practices; and

WHEREAS, the Commission works with strategic partners focusing on production, nutrition research, food safety training, education, marketing, communications, trade relations and public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Commission unanimously elected Lorena Chavez as the first Latina woman to lead the Commission's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Lorena is a second-generation Mexican-American strawberry farmer, her father, Luis, left Mexico and came to California as part of the Bracero Program and worked his way into owning his own 300 acre farm with several hundred workers; and

WHEREAS, Lorena successfully assists in leading her family's business as the controller and chief financial officer with hands-on experience both in the field and behind the desk; and

WHEREAS, Lorena is passionate about preserving the viability of strawberry farming in our state and is committed to ensuring the health, welfare and future of our farm workers and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, does hereby recognize the California Strawberry Commission and Lorena Chavez for their contributions to the California strawberry industry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 19th day of April, 2016, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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