



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2008
AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a national recognition of the culture, contributions and heritage of Hispanic Americans. The national observance was first established and approved on September 17, 1968 by the 90th Congress and later authorized by the President as National Hispanic Heritage Week. On August 17, 1988 the 100th Congress extended the observance from a week to a 31-day period from September 15th through October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the September-October period covers a wide range of Independence Days for Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua which all celebrate their independence on September 15th, and Mexico which celebrates its independence on September 16th, Chile on September 18th and Belize on September 21st; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, Hispanic Americans serve as leaders in business, government, law, science, athletics, the arts, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at all levels of government including the United States Senate, House of Representatives and serving as Governors; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans 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, 2008 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in the celebrations, ceremonies and activities planned throughout the county.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 16th day of September, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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