

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN CALIFORNIA

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WHEREAS, on October 10, 1911 women of California were granted the right to vote with the passage of the women's suffrage amendment to the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the women and men who fought for equal voting rights in California advanced the nationwide struggle for voting equality. Their efforts made California the 6th state to grant women the right to vote and preceded the 19th amendment to U.S. Constitution by nine years; and

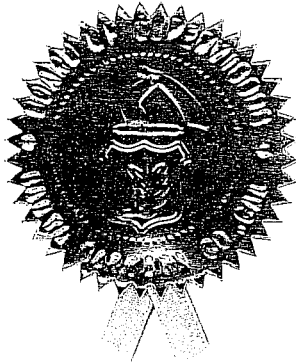
WHEREAS, the amendment was initially believed to have been defeated, but after all the votes were counted it passed with less than 1% of the vote, 125,037 to 121,450, with Santa Barbara County supporting suffrage by a vote of 1396 to 1198; and

WHEREAS, granting women the right to vote and participate as equal citizens in our democratic process led to a higher level of civic engagement and was a defining moment in our collective history that inspired equal rights movements demanding economic and educational equality;

WHEREAS, in the century since achieving equal voting rights, women of California have gone to serve with distinction in the highest levels of government including the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the state Senate and Assembly, and our local Board of Supervisors and City Councils; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes October 10th as the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in California and encourages all residents to celebrate this historic moment with community events that are planned.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4th day of October, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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