

# Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-73

## RESOLUTION HONORING THE SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY (1926-2026)

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1926, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden was the first botanic garden in the United States devoted exclusively to California native plants, establishing a pioneering mission to demonstrate their beauty, ecological value, and importance to the state's natural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, for one hundred years the Garden has served as a leading science-based institution, advancing research, conservation, and land stewardship through nationally significant collections including a Conservation Seed Bank safeguarding rare, threatened, and climate-vulnerable species, and the Clifton Smith Herbarium and archives supporting botanical research and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garden has played a critical role in protecting biodiversity and strengthening climate resilience by restoring native habitats, advancing wildfire preparedness strategies, and training professionals and community members in native plant horticulture and sustainable land management; and

**WHEREAS**, as a public-serving educational institution and living museum, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's 78-acre landscape, extensive trail network, and robust public programs have connected generations of residents and visitors to California's native plants, inspiring environmental stewardship and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, through partnerships, leadership, and advocacy, the Garden continues to shape regional and statewide conservation efforts and guide future action to ensure healthy ecosystems, resilient communities, and a thriving natural environment for generations to come;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge and honor the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Centennial Anniversary, celebrating one hundred years of leadership in conservation, science, and education; and extends its appreciation to the staff, scientists, volunteers, partners, and supporters whose collective efforts have sustained the Garden's mission for a century and will continue to guide its work into the next hundred years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Nieves*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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