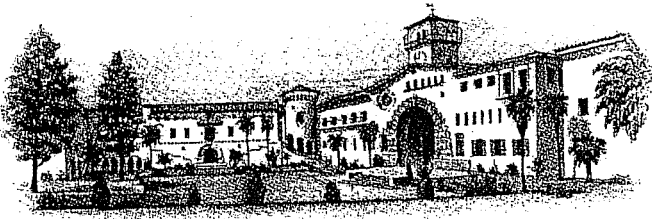


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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING

March 16-22 2008

# CALIFORNIA

## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WEEK

WHEREAS; California is the nations' top agricultural state and has been for more than 50 years. Agriculture generates approximately \$31.8 billion a year, more than any other state; and

WHEREAS; California produces more than 350 crops; of these the following are commercially produced only in California; almonds, artichokes, figs, olives, persimmons, pomegranates, prunes, raisins and walnuts; and

WHEREAS; California grows more than half of the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts from less than 4% of the nations' farmland; Grapes the second leading commodity, accounting for \$2.75 billion in cash receipts annually; and

WHEREAS; California family farms and partnerships are declining, down from 97% in 2004 to 92% today; increasing the need to preserve the farming community for the health and well being of the World;

WHEREAS; California farmers constitute an essential part of the state, city and County's economies, thru employment, food, beauty, clothing; and

WHEREAS; California agriculture is one of the top 10 economies in the world and the Central Coast alone adds \$14 billion in output with agricultural production and processing accounting for 14% of agriculture in the state; and

WHEREAS; Agricultural advocacy groups like California Women for Agriculture, and Farm Bureau, etc. are dedicated to building bridges and ensuring that agriculture continues to be recognized for its contributions to the economy, the lifestyle and most importantly, to the people of California and the entire world.

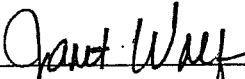
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED; That this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California proclaims March 16-22nd as "National Agriculture Week" in Santa Barbara County to celebrate the contributions and honor the achievements of farmers, ranchers, and all related jobs relating to California agriculture. Passed and adopted by all member present this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008

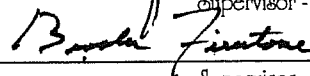


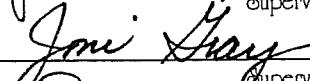
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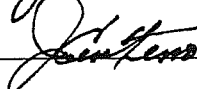
  
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