

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2013 PUBLIC GARDENS APPRECIATION MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's public gardens inspire us with their beauty and serenity. They play an important role in our cultural landscape and encourage an appreciation and connection to nature while promoting the need for the preservation and enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is National Public Gardens Day which is an annual celebration to bring attention to America's public gardens and their important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education in communities nationwide. It is presented by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and Rain Bird and sponsored locally by the Santa Barbara Foundation, Santa Barbara Beautiful, PARC Foundation, KEYT-TV, and CASA Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara is home to such diverse horticultural treasures including the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Ganna Walska Lotusland, Old Mission Santa Barbara Huerta Garden, Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden, Rancho La Patera & Stow House, and Casa del Herrero – each with their own unique gardens; and

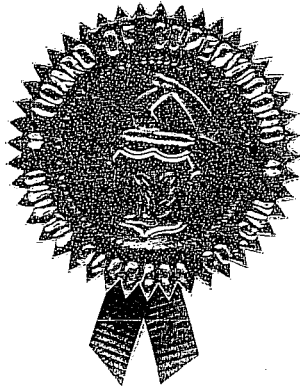
WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara manages 65 parks, coastal beaches, trails, open spaces and campgrounds, encompassing 8,276 acres with 114 linear miles of trails that offer a wide variety of native plants, trees, wildflowers, birds, and wildlife which are enjoyed by an average of 6.2 million visitors per year; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara's May celebration of Public Gardens Appreciation Month includes special events and activities listed on [www.sbpublicgardens.org](http://www.sbpublicgardens.org), which encourage the community to explore and discover their local public gardens and marks the first county-wide collaboration like it in the country; and

WHEREAS, locally, more than 20 nonprofit, public sector, hospitality industry, community funders, and university members have collaborated to form the "Santa Barbara Public Gardens Partnership" whose mission is "to promote awareness of our unique and inspiring public gardens, celebrate their beauty and benefits, and encourage their year-round enjoyment by visitors and residents of the Santa Barbara community";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May as Public Gardens Appreciation Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to participate in planned events throughout the month.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 by unanimous vote of all members present



ATTEST:

*Chanda Waller*

Clerk of the Board

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