



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING TOMÁS A. CASTELO
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Tomás A. Castelo served as the first executive director of the iconic La Casa de la Raza as part of the movement of Latinos to foster pride in their heritage and provide services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Tomás purchased the La Casa building from auction at the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Tomás moved the building to a new nonprofit called La Casa Founders, and steered it through the process of its designation as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, Tomás partnered with the Resilience Institute to undertake an extensive rehab of the building, including restoration of the iconic library, teatro, youth center, substance use center, radio station, and kitchen; and

WHEREAS, the restoration has also given a breath of fresh air to other parts of the facility, including the offices to the main half floor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors honors Tomás A. Castelo for his outstanding contributions to the Santa Barbara Community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 1ST day of October 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monroe Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

Pat Williams

Supervisor - 1st District

Frank Lopez

Supervisor - 2nd District

Joan Hartman

Supervisor - 3rd District

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