



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LA ESPERANZA SANTA BARBARA
ELITE 2003 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AS THE WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COPA VALLARTA TOURNAMENT IN OUR SISTER CITY PUERTO VALLARTA MEXICO**

WHEREAS, soccer is an important national pastime enjoyed by numerous Santa Barbara residents; and

WHEREAS, the La Esperanza Santa Barbara Elite 2003 Girls Soccer team is a group of top athletes who attend the three local high schools and two of the local junior high schools in Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, the team raised over \$17,000 to travel and compete in the International Copa Vallarta tournament in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in May where they not only benefitted from learning about another culture, but they also volunteered at a local orphanage; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico became a Sister City to Santa Barbara on June 12, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 recently occurred in France with the United States Women's Soccer Team winning; and

WHEREAS, women should be treated as equals to their male counterparts in all professions, and particularly in sports; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, five prominent members of the United States Women's National Team filed a complaint with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission against their employer, the United States Soccer Federation for being paid considerably less than their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the members of the La Esperanza Santa Barbara Elite 2003 Girls Soccer team have a bright future ahead of them that has begun with winning not only the championship in their age bracket, but most goals scored and also won the Goalie Penalty Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the La Esperanza Santa Barbara Elite 2003 Girls Soccer team for their incredible achievement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 16th day of July 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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