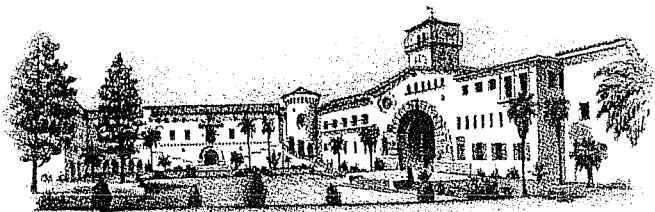


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL WINE INDUSTRY AND WINE GRAPE GROWERS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Agriculture is one of the most important industries and economic drivers in Santa Barbara County with a combined annual gross value of more than \$1.1 Billion dollars, and the net annual impact of agriculture to the total economy of Santa Barbara County is more than \$2 Billion dollars; and,

WHEREAS, The growing of wine grapes and the making of wine has been an honorable and respected part of Santa Barbara County's life and economy since the mission times over 200 years ago; and,

WHEREAS, Wine Grapes are the third largest crop in Santa Barbara County with more than 20,000 acres in active production with a gross value of more than \$100 Million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, There are more than 100 wineries in Santa Barbara County employing thousands of people and producing world-acclaimed wines valued at more than \$900 million dollars per year; and,

WHEREAS, the wine grape growers and the wine industry add significant value to the local economy through a variety of winery promotions, local restaurants and hotels, special events, fundraisers and tourism; and,

WHEREAS, Wine grape growers are conscientious stewards of the land, with many of them being active members of the Central Coast Vineyard Team and/or who follow the sustainable growing practices as recommended by the California Association of Wine Grape Growers, which adds additional value to, and protection for the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors Recognizes the **Local Wine Industry and Wine Grape Growers** for their important and valuable contributions to local agriculture and to the quality of life in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 28th day of October 2008 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District