

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the establishment of Bethania Lutheran Church is closely tied to the founding of Solvang when a small group of Danish settlers came from the Midwest with the intent of establishing a Danish American Folk School and a church; and

WHEREAS, those founders were greatly influenced by the Danish Lutheran bishop and hymn writer N.F.S. Grundtvig, who lead a theological movement that revitalized the Danish Lutheran Church and who also originated the folk school concept as a culturally oriented program that would help people lead richer, more meaningful lives, and thereby, give them a love of life, people, country and God; and

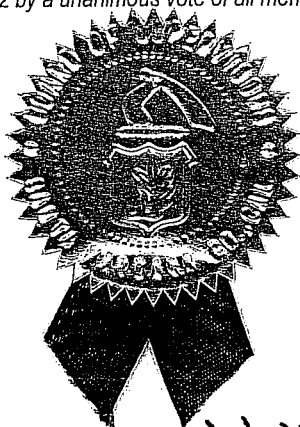
WHEREAS, in that tradition, Bethania Lutheran Church continues that legacy of lifelong learning through its Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series, educational events, and has served and continues to serve as the spiritual home for many individuals throughout the Santa Ynez Valley and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the church building built in 1928, was the first Danish-style building in Solvang and to this day remains the most authentic Danish architectural replica in Solvang; built in the style of 12-14th century Danish rural churches, its corbie-stepped gables were a visual beacon to newly arriving Danes and it continues to be an architectural landmark attracting visitors from around the world; the beautiful church interior features fixtures rich in symbolism in which the congregation takes deep pride; and

WHEREAS, through the church's affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the congregation is actively involved in service to the community and throughout the world thereby upholding its commitment to making the world a more just and peaceful place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County hereby honors and celebrates the 100th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration of Bethania Lutheran Church.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of April, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Kellan
 Clerk of the Board

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