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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING GIL GARCIA FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY AND SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Gil Garcia served on the Santa Barbara City Council from 1992-2002 during which time he was active in the League of California Cities, Community Services Policy Committee, the Local Government Commission, and the National League of Cities Human Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Gil Garcia has worked to enhance cultural experiences and exchanges through his service on the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee since 1982, including his current role as President; the US/Mexico Sister Cities Association since 2000, serving as President from 2005-2007; United States/Mexico Sister Cities International since 2000 and as member of the Sister Cities International Southern California Region from 2004 - 2008; and

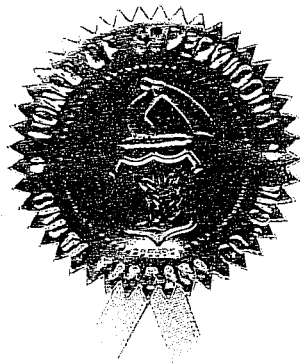
WHEREAS, Gil Garcia has demonstrated vision and leadership as a member of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce from 1978 to the present, the American Institute of Architects from 1977 to the present, the Santa Barbara Mental Health Association, Rotary North of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Red Cross and the South Coast Media Access Center; and

WHEREAS, Gil Garcia is a well known architect, having founded the firm of Garcia Architects, Inc. in 1975 which has been the recipient of many architectural and community development awards from organizations and agencies including the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Santa Barbara Beautiful, Goleta Beautiful, and the cities of Palm Springs, Beverly Hills and Atascadero. He is also the recipient of the Minority Enterprise Recognition Award, given by the Santa Barbara Business Minority Center and his work has been published in Santa Barbara Architecture, and Santa Barbara Magazine and the California Council of the American Institute of Architects Architecture California; and

WHEREAS, Gil Garcia is a recipient of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Honorary Alumni Award, the Santa Barbara News-Press 1996 Life Time Achievement Award, the 1993 Santa Barbara Man of the Year Award, a 1994 Hispanic Achievement Council award recipient and various other civic honors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Gil Garcia for his lifetime of exemplary community service and for his current leadership promoting the cultural and social benefits of the Sister City Program.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2nd day of August, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walker
Clerk of the Board

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