

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2010 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the significant contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans who serve as leaders in business, government, law, education, science, athletics, the arts, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress celebrated the contributions of Hispanic Americans by officially proclaiming the Week of September 15 as Hispanic Heritage Week. Congress later expanded this celebration in 1988 to its current month-long recognition; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2010 is "Celebrating History, Heritage and the American Dream" which recognizes the proud heritage and cultural legacy of Hispanic and Latino Americans, many of whom continue to make great sacrifices in pursuit of the American Dream for their families and betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau lists Hispanic Americans as the largest ethnic minority in the United States with an estimated population of 48.4 million people as of July, 2009; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanic and Latino Americans are dedicated public servants working to enhance their local communities through their participation in posts at all levels of government from the Supreme Court and the United States Senate to local city and county offices; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans continue to shape and enrich the narrative of the American Story including an estimated 1.1 million Hispanic American veterans who have sacrificed in defense of our nation's liberty and freedom, serving in every major American conflict including Iraq and Afghanistan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares September 15-October 15, 2010 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in celebrations and activities that will occur.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of September, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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