

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ZAVEENI KHAN-MARCUS
AS THE 2011 LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT
FOR THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission presents an annual award to honor and recognize individuals or organizations that have made a significant impact on the arts and culture of our region through innovative thinking and exemplary commitment to promoting, sustaining, and advancing our quality of life through the Arts; and

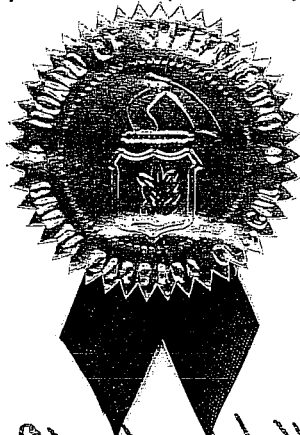
WHEREAS, the Arts Commission recognizes the rich cultural diversity of Santa Barbara County and supports culturally diverse programs and events that employ the Arts as a vehicle to foster communication among people of different cultures and promote cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Zaveeni Khan-Marcus, has served as the founding director of the MultiCultural Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara whose mission is to provide a safe space to explore social justice issues confronting marginalized groups and individuals, and to develop educational, cultural and arts programming to promote changes in attitudes and behaviors. The MultiCultural Center offers a broad spectrum of events, including: music, dance, dramatic performances, lectures, panel discussions, films and videos, poetry and author readings, art exhibits, cultural celebrations and more, which are all open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, as the Center's director since 1989, Zaveeni has presided over the transformation from its original location in a small, portable building to a newly-constructed, permanent home located in the center of campus in 1995; the MultiCultural Center is recognized as an exceptional venue, and regarded as one of the best on any university campus nationwide with programs that support 50 university student organizations, academic departments and community organizations that serve well over 20,000 community members of all ages annually; and

WHEREAS, Zaveeni Khan-Marcus is the architect of innovative cultural and arts series, which feature local, regional, national and international talent: the "World Music" series, which offers free world music performances with the mission of exposing the community to a wide variety of musical forms and styles; "Heritage Months," which celebrates the richness of the culture, diversity, tradition and history of people of color; "Cup of Culture," which pairs films and audience members with invited guest filmmakers to create forums for dialogue; "Race Matters," which hosts discussions on the impact of race relations in our society and representation in media and the arts; and the "Children's Events" series, which expose children and their families to multicultural experiences through stories, music and traditional craft-making;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, recognize Zaveeni Khan-Marcus as the Arts Commission's "Leadership in the Arts Award" recipient here in Santa Barbara County. Passed and adopted this 6th day of December 2011.



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