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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE

*WHEREAS, September 16, 2010 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexico's Independence, which is recognized in Mexico and other Countries throughout the world with celebrations commemorating the events and people that eventually resulted in its independence from Spain that ruled the territory of New Spain, as Mexico was then known; and*

*WHEREAS, influenced by the concepts of liberty, equality and democracy demonstrated by the independence of the United States in 1776 and espoused by the French philosophers Rousseau, Montesquieu, and Voltaire, residents of the territory of New Spain organized and planned a revolt to achieve these democratic ideals; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout the world, and locally in Santa Barbara, people of Mexican descent unite to celebrate Mexican Independence Day with community gatherings that honor their common ancestry and those who fought for liberty, social justice and democracy; and*

*WHEREAS, these community gatherings are family events that incorporate the unique cultural history of Mexico through music, song, dance and cuisine into a festive atmosphere that culminates with a local dignitary who gives the "Grito," or "Cry of Dolores", to recreate the moment in which Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla gathered his followers in Dolores, Guanajuato and gave his call for liberty;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commemorates September 16, 2010 as the Bicentennial of Mexico's Independence, and encourages residents of Santa Barbara County to participate in events and celebrations taking place in our community.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
Clerk of the Board

*Local*

Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District