



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION TO COMMEMORATE AGRICULTURE DAY/WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Agriculture Week is celebrated every year to honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, California has led the nation in farm production for more than 60 years and the state's farmers and ranchers have led the U.S. in the production of 77 separate commodities, and

WHEREAS, California family farmers and ranchers produce a bounty of more than 400 different commodities ---- from avocados to zucchini, and

WHEREAS, California's farmers and ranchers, who represent less than 1 percent of the state's total population, contribute nearly \$44.7 billion in high-quality food, fiber, forest products and flowers annually, and

WHEREAS, California's farmland, fertile soils, forgiving climates, agricultural technology and innovation allow each California farmer to produce food and fiber for 155 people, and

WHEREAS, California agriculture is a renewable economic resource for the state, creating income that is replenished annually, and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers provide a bounty of products while protecting the environment through the wise management of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, California agriculture is a family affair with about 97 percent of all farms being operated as family farms or partnerships, and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's \$2.8 billion agricultural industry produces a bounty of high quality commodities such as strawberry, broccoli, flowers, citrus and wine grapes, and is a vital and vibrant contributor to our local economy and our way of life, so therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions and honors the achievements of farmers, ranchers and the 1.1 million people involved in jobs relating to California agriculture, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that March 25, 2014 be declared National Agriculture Day and March 23-29, 2014 be declared National Agriculture Week in Santa Barbara County and encourages members of the public to participate in activities that acknowledge support, and to celebrate the achievements of the men and women who work throughout the year in the state's number-one industry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of March 2014 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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