

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH THE SANTA DATE OF THE SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA THE SANTA DATE OF THE SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have greatly contributed to the religious, cultural, political, economic and intellectual advancement of all people; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Festival is a family focused event that offers music, dance, food and information on the unique heritage of the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara is hosting the 2015 Santa Barbara Jewish Festival and Celebration of Israel's 67<sup>th</sup> year of statehood on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Oak Park, in collaboration with other local Jewish community agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara has become a symbol of Santa Barbara County's commitment to create and advance a cohesive Jewish community by promoting identification and connectedness to the Jewish community, generating mutual respect among Jewish organizations and promoting positive relationships between the Jewish community and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara is a member of the Jewish Federations of North America, which represents 157 Jewish Federations and over 300 independent Jewish communities, and is collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protecting and enhancing the well-being of Jews and non-Jews alike through the values of tikkum olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice) and education; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people remember and respect their history of overcoming adversity and persecution, especially the Holocaust, observed on April 16<sup>th</sup> as National Holocaust Memorial Day, and continue to be a voice for the rights and protection of those who face modern genocide.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May as Jewish Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and further encourages residents to participate in the events celebrating Jewish heritage throughout the month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

