

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2016 AS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have greatly contributed to the religious, cultural, political, economic, and intellectual advancement of all people and achieved remarkable success while having to overcome discrimination, specifically antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara is hosting the 2016 Santa Barbara Jewish Festival and Celebration of Israel's 68th Year of Statehood on May 1st at Oak Park, in collaboration with other local Jewish community agencies and organizations; 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 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 people remember and respect their history of overcoming adversity and persecution, especially the Holocaust, observed on April 30th as National Holocaust Memorial Day, and continue to be a voice for the rights and protection of those who face modern genocide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May, 2016 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 3rd day of May, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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