



County of Ventura

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HONORING

SOMIS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Whereas, THE SOMIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, ESTABLISHED ON FEBRUARY 6, 1895, IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST HISTORIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN VENTURA COUNTY, MARKING 130 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY; AND

Whereas, FROM ITS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, THE ORIGINAL SOMIS SCHOOL BUILDING SERVED THE COMMUNITY FROM 1895 UNTIL 1923, WHEN THE NEED FOR A LARGER FACILITY LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL BUILDING, WHICH WILL CELEBRATE ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2024; AND

Whereas, THE SOMIS SCHOOL BELL, WHICH COULD BE HEARD FOR SEVERAL MILES AROUND WHEN IT RANG EACH MORNING, WAS A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND SYMBOLIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE SOMIS AREA; AND

Whereas, THE SOMIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUPPORTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL RICHNESS OF THE AREA, HAS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTENANCE OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH TRACES ITS EARLIEST ROOTS TO THE CHUMASH INDIANS; AND

Whereas, SOMIS SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION AND FOSTERING A LOVE FOR LEARNING IN COUNTLESS STUDENTS OVER THE PAST CENTURY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF VENTURA COUNTY; AND

Whereas, OVER THE PAST 130 YEARS, THE SOMIS SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AND EVOLVE THROUGH THE YEARS TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY; AND

Whereas, THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WILL COMMEMORATE NOT ONLY THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING BUT ALSO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; AND

Whereas, IT IS FITTING THAT WE RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOTH THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOMIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY;

Now therefore let it be resolved, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENTURA COUNTY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, AS SOMIS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL KICKOFF DAY IN VENTURA COUNTY, COMMEMORATING THIS MILESTONE IN THE DISTRICT'S RICH HISTORY.

Presented on this 24th day of September 2024

Chairman of the Board, Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District

Jeff Gorell, Supervisor 2nd District

Matt LaVergne, Supervisor 1st District

Janice S. Parvin, Supervisor 4th District

Vianey Lopez, Supervisor 5th District