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PROCLAMATION

“Farmworker”

WHEREAS, an estimated 3 to 5 million Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers are employed in the nation’s multi-billion dollar agricultural industry and whose back-breaking labor makes possible the production and harvest of many crops; and

WHEREAS, agriculture ranks among the most dangerous occupations, subjecting workers to health and occupational risk; yet Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers by virtue of their work and economically disadvantaged status confront significant barriers to accessing doctors and needed health services; and

WHEREAS, the Migrant Health Program enacted in 1962 planted the seed that has enabled communities to establish Migrant Health Centers, which today serves more than a million Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Migrant Health Centers have evolved into strong models of primary care practice addressing the complex needs of a vulnerable population while demonstrating the value of outreach, patient education, linguistically and culturally competent care to promote better health and ensure healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, studies have confirmed that Migrant Health Centers deliver comprehensive, high-quality and cost-effective preventive and primary health care services in addition to lifting the barriers of health care and reducing health disparities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, proclaims the day of August 11, 2016 as “**National Farm Worker Day**” in this State of California, County of San Benito.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 9th day of August 2016.

Robert Rivas, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors