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Proclamation San Juan Bautista Sesquicentennial Celebration 2019

WHEREAS, the history of San Juan Bautista goes far beyond its incorporation as a city 150 years ago. Four distinct periods of our cultural history are pictured in a colorful mural on display in the Carl M. Luck Library, created by students from San Juan School in 1995 under the guidance of a teacher, whose captions are paraphrased below; and

WHEREAS, from a time unknown, Native Americans were the people of this fertile land, who lived in harmony with nature. The earth provided for all their needs, and they lived in peace with neighbors who spoke different dialects; and,

WHEREAS, in 1797, Padre Fermín Lasuén arrived with other Franciscans, Spanish soldiers, civilians to spread Christianity and build Mission San Juan Bautista, the 15th in the chain of 21 California missions; and,

WHEREAS, with independence from Spain in 1822, we became Alta California, Mexico. Land taken from the Church was granted to new citizens, and all tribes living at the Mission were freed into Rancheria culture; and,

WHEREAS, the discovery of gold brought a rush of people from around the world. In 1850, California celebrated its statehood in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, "Pursuant to an order passed by the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County dated on the sixth day of Sept. 1869 ~ incorporating the town of San Juan under the incorporate name of "The Inhabitants of the Town of San Juan;" and,

WHEREAS, 150 years later, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors along with the San Juan Bautista City Council invite their residents to celebrate our community and look to the future while honoring the past; and,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors proclaim September 7th and 8th, 2019, the San Juan Bautista Sesquicentennial Celebration. "Let us continue to celebrate our diversity, our freedom, our oneness and our home, San Juan Bautista."

Mark Medina, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors