

- WHEREAS,** *Cinco de Mayo* is an annual celebration held on May 5th and commemorates the historic Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, when Mexican forces achieved a significant victory against the French army in the struggle for Mexican independence and self-determination;
- WHEREAS,** *Cinco de Mayo* in Santa Clara County dates back to the rise of the Chicano Movement during the 1940s, becoming a day of celebration of Mexican culture and heritage while advocating for institutional cultural representation;
- WHEREAS,** *Cinco de Mayo*—highlighted by folk dance showcases, or *baile folklórico*, the flying of Mexican flags, and supporting local businesses—is the marquee celebration for Mexican Americans in Santa Clara County; and
- WHEREAS,** The *Cinco de Mayo* Planning Committee is recognized for going above and beyond for facilitating an important cultural celebration for the Mexican American community by organizing the very first City of San José-sanctioned *Cinco de Mayo* parade and event in San José’s history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim May 5, 2024 as

Cinco de Mayo

in Santa Clara County and encourage all communities to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this Sixteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, by unanimous vote.

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