



City of Santa Paula

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE BRACERO HISTORY PROJECT AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

WHEREAS, since the fall of 2002 California State University, Channel Islands has been committed to serving the Ventura County region.

WHEREAS, California State University, Channel Islands through its partnership with the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and its participation in the Bracero History Project: Legacy of a Community continues to demonstrate this pledge by preserving and celebrating the legacy of these hardworking individuals who gave so much in helping grow and shape the identity of the United States.

WHEREAS, California State University, Channel Islands participated in the Bracero History Project: Legacy of a Community by collecting, documenting, exhibiting and locally sharing the history of the 1942-1964 Bracero Program, which brought approximately three million Mexican male guest workers into the United States to provide emergency farm labor.

WHEREAS, the impact of the Bracero Program significantly affected the business of farming, immigration patterns and organized labor, making it an important part of United States history to understand and preserve.

WHEREAS, California State University, Channel Islands will now have the honor of hosting the Smithsonian's national traveling exhibit, Bittersweet Harvest: the Bracero program, 1942-1964 in September 2010, which will feature bilingual labels, listening stations and will celebrate the contributions of braceros and their families to U.S. and Mexican history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Tovias, Mayor of the City of Santa Paula, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the success, time and efforts of the Bracero History Project and California State University, Channel Islands.

Dated this 7th day of September 2010.

James Tovias, Mayor
City of Santa Paula