

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

April 15, 2014

Since the 1920's, Día de Los Niños (Day of the Child) has been celebrated throughout the world to remind society that children are special and need our attention.

On Día de Los Niños, children are celebrated with gifts as well as with opportunities to enrich their lives with storytelling, reading and writing, and through events at local libraries, schools and neighborhoods. Most special are the gifts and time parents share with their children on that one special day.

It is important that we take time to celebrate our children and show them that they are special—and give them a day that is their very own by providing unique activities hosted by the County family and benefitting the “whole” child. In Los Angeles County we provide literacy, wellness, recreation, arts and multicultural programming and events where children from all ethnicities will be celebrated.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT,** the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Saturday, April 19, 2014 as Día de Los Niños (Day of the Child) in honor of all children in Los Angeles County and is being celebrated in partnership

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with Grand Park, LA Plaza de Cultura Y Artes, the Music Center, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the County Library, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) and the Natural History Museum.

2. LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, Grand Park and the Music Center will hold special events and a “wellness walk” for children on April 19, 2014 from LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes and culminating with diverse activities at Grand Park. The festivities will take place at LA Plaza from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. And, at Grand Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Announce that the Los Angeles County Public Library and the County Department of Parks and Recreation will hold Día de Los Niños literacy and cultural events throughout the County at 55 libraries and certain parks from April 15 through May 25, 2014.
4. Announce that Casa Cultural Saybrook at Saybrook Park will hold its traditional Children’s Festival and Artworks on April 19, 2014.
5. Announce that LACMA invites children throughout the County to Celebrate Día de los Niños at LACMA on this special day; the galleries are free to children and teens 17 and under; invites children to join the free youth membership program “NexGen”; invites children to participate in artist-led workshops for families on Sundays; and invites children to attend the fun gallery and create art with free supplies.
6. Announce that the Natural History Museum invites children 12 years and under to visit the museum for free on April 26, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

celebrate with indoor-outdoor experiences at the Natural History Museum and the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits; at NHM, children can explore the new Nature Gardens and Nature Lab, visit the Dino Hall and Age of Mammals, enjoy a Dinosaur Encounters show and then watch real paleontologists at work; at the Page Museum, children are invited to visit the world famous La Brea Tar Pits and discover ice age fossils that are still being discovered every day in your own back yard; the Natural History and Page Museums offer free admission 13 Tuesdays per year with a range of free performances and programs.