



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
PROCLAIMING
FIRST Robotics 2016 Days**

WHEREAS, For Inspiration & Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping students, from the ages of 6 to 18, discover and develop a passion for science, technology, engineering and math through fun and challenging robotics competitions; and

WHEREAS, this year, the 2nd Annual Ventura Regional FIRST Robotics Competition will be held March 24, 25 and 26, 2016 at Ventura College; and,

WHEREAS, the Ventura Regional will host 42 high school teams competing in the medieval themed FIRST Stronghold Competition, including four teams from the Republic of China. The teams have had six weeks to build, program and test robots which will form alliances and battle to gain control of a tower. The robots will catapult balls, cross over obstacles and scale the tower walls in order to win points for their team. This year family and friends in the audience will be able to participate by directing how the obstacle course can change.

WHEREAS, over the course of the competition, the basic concepts of science, math, engineering and invention are presented to the students in a way that is exciting and interesting. They get to learn that the technological fields hold many opportunities, while acquiring skills that aid in future job placement; and

WHEREAS, the winning regional teams will go on to St. Louis April 27-30 to participate in the world competition, and all team participants have the option of applying for nearly \$22 million in scholarships from more than 200 colleges and universities nationwide.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors proclaims and supports the FIRST mission to inspire and challenge young minds in preparation for the future and does hereby declare, March 2016 as "FIRST Robotics 2016 Days" in Ventura County.

PRESENTED ON THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2016

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