



**Agenda Item B.2  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: June 16, 2026**

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- **A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Declaring June 18, 2026 as “Fiesta Ranchera Day” in the City of Goleta**
- **Certificate of Recognition – Jenna Ramirez, Spirit of Fiesta**
- **Certificate of Recognition – Penny Hernandez, Junior Spirit of Fiesta**



# PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING JUNE 18, 2026, AS "FIESTA RANCHERA DAY" IN THE CITY OF GOLETA**

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta and Santa Barbara communities will celebrate the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration from August 5 - August 9, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta Community welcomes Fiesta Ranchera and celebrates the 18 years of tradition and collaboration between Old Spanish Days and the Goleta Valley Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Fiesta Ranchera Day brings people together and celebrates the shared history and culture at Rancho La Patera; and

**WHEREAS**, Rancho La Patera was the site of Goleta's first Fiesta event, "Fiesta at Stow House," August 3, 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Old Spanish Days, dedicated to honoring and preserving the area's rich history, spirit, culture, heritage, and traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta Valley Historical Society, stewards of Rancho La Patera, preserve, interpret, and fosters research of the history of the Goleta Valley and the Stow Family, sharing this treasured landmark from the golden era of California ranching and providing a unique and historic gathering place for the community; and

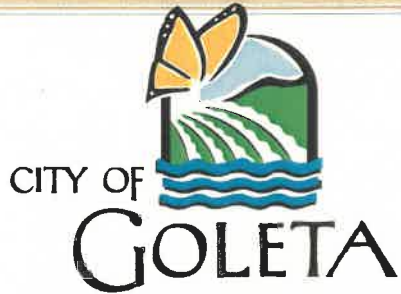
**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta will again play host to an official Old Spanish Days Fiesta event to be held on June 18, 2026, at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House which will feature performances by the Spirit of Fiesta, Junior Spirit and local entertainers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby proclaim June 18, 2026, as "Fiesta Ranchera Day" in the City of Goleta.

**APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026

  
**PAULA PEROTTE**  
**MAYOR**





## *Certificate of Recognition*

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PRESENTS THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** acknowledging Jenna Ramirez 2026 Spirit of Fiesta. Jenna Ramirez is a 19-year-old student currently attending Santa Barbara City College, where she is pursuing a degree in Radiology. She began dancing at the age of two and discovered her passion for Flamenco at eight years old. Her dedication to this art form has taken her to Jerez, Spain, where she had the opportunity to train with elite dancers while deepening both her cultural appreciation and technical skill. Throughout this journey, she has learned the importance of hard work, resilience, and never giving up on your goals. She hopes to inspire others by expressing emotion, strength, and confidence on stage. She wants young dancers to see that it's okay to be bold, embrace their individuality, and pursue their passion with courage and determination.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA PROUDLY HONORS**

*2026 Spirit of Fiesta*  
*Jenna Ramirez*

**APPROVED** on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026



**PAULA PEROTTE**  
**MAYOR**



## *Certificate of Recognition*

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PRESENTS THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** acknowledging Penny Hernandez, 2026 Junior Spirit of Fiesta. Penny Hernandez is ten years old and has been dancing since she was three. She has a true passion for flamenco, along with hip hop and jazz. She plays volleyball and has proudly placed in her school spelling bee three years in a row, reaching the county level this year. Penny attends Our Lady of Mount Carmel where her faith in God continues to guide her. She loves spending time with her friends and family, walking her dogs, and enjoying the outdoors on her family's ranch. One day, she hopes to become a dance instructor and inspire young kids to build confidence and express themselves.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA PROUDLY HONORS**

*2026 Junior Spirit of Fiesta*  
*Penny Hernandez*

**APPROVED** on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026



**PAULA PEROTTE**  
**MAYOR**