

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING SHEILA LODGE
FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Sheila Lodge has dedicated over 24 years of public service as a city of Santa Barbara's Planning Commissioner and Council Member, and an impressive 12 years as the city's first woman and longest serving Mayor, leaving an indelible mark on the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Sheila has balanced an extraordinary public career with a rich personal life, serving as a wife, mother of four daughters, author, architect-in-training, painter, photographer, amateur geologist, courthouse docent, and gardener, while always advocating for preserving the unique charm of Santa Barbara since her arrival in 1952; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Sheila played a pivotal role in key developments, including the completion of Highway 101's freeway expansion, the construction of the Desalination Plant, the development of Paseo Nuevo, and the City's General Plan Update, which shaped Santa Barbara's growth while safeguarding its historic character; and

WHEREAS, Sheila has been a passionate protector of Santa Barbara's heritage, authoring *Santa Barbara: An Uncommonplace American Town*, advocating for thoughtful planning, and urging residents to stay involved to ensure the city retains its distinctive charm and community-centered identity; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Lodge's dedicated involvement included welcoming Queen Elizabeth II at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in 1983 to being a hands-on advocate for sustainable water use during droughts, becoming a docent at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, and exploring the San Andreas Fault through her love of geology, reflecting her lifelong passion for learning and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby recognize and honor Sheila Lodge for her unparalleled service, leadership, and enduring contributions to preserving the beauty, integrity, and community spirit of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 25th day of February 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Ry Lee

Supervisor - 1st District

Paul G.

Supervisor - 2nd District

Jon Hahn

Supervisor - 3rd District

Bob Webb

Supervisor - 4th District

Shirley

Supervisor - 5th District

Mar. Miyasato

Chair of the Board