



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION HONORING SONIA THOMPSON UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

*WHEREAS, Sonia Thompson began the first two years of her career with the County of Santa Barbara at the County Executive Office as an Executive Secretary starting in July 2006; and*

*WHEREAS, after six and half years as an Administrative Professional working with both the County Executive Office and the County Parks Department, supporting various efforts including legislative activities and human resources; and*

*WHEREAS, Sonia was promoted to Department Business Specialist II with the Office of Emergency Management Division in 2016 managing the division's day-to-day business, accounting and facility maintenance; and*

*WHEREAS, she has administered the Division's various grant programs, including the County's Homeland Security Program Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant, providing an estimated \$6.2 million in equipment, training, plans and resources to enhance the protection of the County of Santa Barbara's residents from domestic or international terrorism; and*

*WHEREAS, Sonia decided to go back to college for her Bachelor of Science in Public Sector Management, finishing in May 2020 at the California State University of Northridge as the first in her family to go to college. Sonia became an inspiration to her family – with her eldest daughter and sister graduating college, and her youngest daughter completing her master's this year; and*

*WHEREAS, Sonia has actively supported multiple EOC activations in multiple roles, including for the Whitter Fire, Alamo Fire, Holiday Fire, Thomas Fire and subsequent Montecito Debris Flow, Conception Dive Boat Incident, Cave Fire, COVID-19 Response, Alisal Fire, and more; and*

*WHEREAS, Sonia has earned a happy retirement to enjoy more time with her husband, two daughters and grand baby, while she pursues her many passions as an avid boater, hiker, lover of wine, and world traveler; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors Sonia Thompson for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates her upon her retirement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of March, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District