

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING RITA A. FERRI FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission was founded in 1977 in order to make recommendations on Cultural Arts policy to the Board, support regional artists and cultural nonprofit organizations, foster public art opportunities and draw attention to Santa Barbara County as a vibrant cultural destination; and

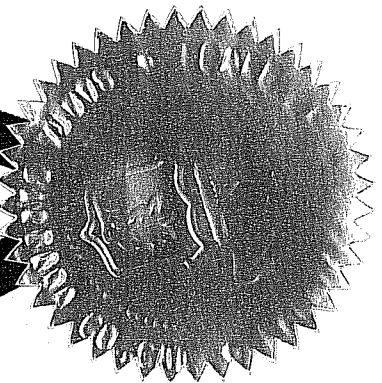
WHEREAS, Rita Ferri, a passionate arts advocate in the Santa Barbara arts community for more than 30 years, was hired by the County in 2006 to serve as the Visual Arts Coordinator to manage the public art projects and exhibitions in the public galleries of the City and County including State of the Art Gallery and Jardin de las Granadas; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Visual Arts Coordinator, Rita significantly raised the profile of exhibitions and community engagement by organizing a variety of diverse, informative public events, receptions and gallery talks in the Betteravia and Channing Peckle Galleries, and developing strategic partnerships with nonprofits and visual arts groups. She provided valuable input in developing the public art program at the Santa Barbara Airport Terminal, oversaw much-needed restoration of Herbert Bayer's Chromatic Gate, and provided oversight of a number of Percent for Art Public Art projects including the John Nava Tapestry in the Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure the Permanent Collection of the County Arts Commission grew significantly as did Rita's role in managing and maintaining the growing collection by securing a number of significant gifts of Art to the County and substantially increasing the value of the Collection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Rita Ferri for her service, curatorial talents, maintenance of the Arts Commission's Permanent Collection and her tireless dedication as an arts advocate and resource for area artists and countless contributions to the Arts community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7th day of July, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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