

# Santa Barbara County of



## RESOLUTION NO. 25-256

### RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY KELLY DUNCAN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Duncan will retire in January 2026 after nearly 22 years of service with the County of Santa Barbara, including more than 13 years with the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Kelly began her legal career as a Deputy Attorney with the California Department of Transportation. In 2004, she joined the County of Santa Barbara's Office of County Counsel, where she represented the Sheriff and District Attorney in civil rights and employment matters. Kelly joined the District Attorney's Office in 2012 as a Chief Deputy District Attorney, and was appointed Assistant District Attorney in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kelly vigorously prosecuted some of the most significant criminal cases in state history, including the multi-county prosecution of the Golden State Killer, who committed 13 murders and over 50 sexual assaults across 11 jurisdictions. In 2022, Kelly served as one of two lead prosecutors in a 10-defendant MS-13 gang homicide and conspiracy case involving 24 victims, for which she received the Thomas H. Guerry Award for superior performance in the largest gang trial in California history; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant District Attorney, Kelly provided essential administrative leadership, supervised the Homicide and Gang Units, oversaw Brady and ethics training and policies, led the Officer Involved Incident Team, established the Conviction Review Unit, spearheaded the Office's first recruitment video, and was instrumental in developing and publishing the Office's values and goals; and

WHEREAS, Kelly is widely recognized for her professionalism, integrity, judgment, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Throughout her career, Kelly demonstrated exceptional leadership, determination, and unwavering perseverance and passion in fighting and preventing crime, and committed her career with the District Attorney's Office to enforcing the law while seeking fair and just outcomes for the community she served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge Assistant District Attorney Kelly Duncan for her faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates her upon her retirement, and wishes her and her family many years of good health and happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Mona Nguyen*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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