

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
JAMES DOUGLAS HOPPER FOR  
OVER 25 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE**

**Whereas**, James Douglas Hopper was born and raised in Santa Barbara, was a scratch golfer before and after graduating from California State University, Northridge with a degree in Business Administration in June 1974; and Jim and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of two sons, Mike and Matt; and

**Whereas**, Jim began his career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a volunteer and was subsequently hired in October 1978 as a Group Counselor at Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall; Jim was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in July 1980 and has worked in a variety of positions and projects in the Adult and Juvenile Divisions including: Adult Supervision, Juvenile Supervision, Placement Officer, Adult Investigations, Juvenile Gang Officer, Adult Intensive Supervision, Juvenile NEW VISTAS project, and Adult Neighborhood Supervision Unit; Jim has promoted to several leadership ranks: Senior Deputy Probation Officer in April 1989, Supervising Probation Officer in June 1999 and in May 2004, Jim was promoted to Juvenile Division Manager; and

**Whereas**, Jim helped prepare and secure federal grant funding in June 1995 for gang suppression activities and was instrumental in the success of the Board of Corrections Challenge Grant II NEW VISTAS project; and

**Whereas**, Jim has won several golf tournaments, including the Santa Barbara City Championship, was honored with the prestigious Thomas H. Guerry Award for Outstanding Performance in 1991 and was voted by his peers as Deputy Probation Officer of the Year in Santa Barbara in 1991; and

**Whereas**, with a quiet low-key demeanor, Jim is a solid, steady, bilingual officer and has been an asset to the community, courts, and Probation Department with his sound judgment, good listening skills, outstanding interest in his job, dependability, positive attitude toward any given assignment, and he is very well liked and respected by his co-workers, other agency staff, probationers and their families;

**Now, therefore, be it ordered and resolved**, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes James Douglas Hopper upon his retirement for over 25 years of outstanding service to the people of Santa Barbara, the Superior Court, and the Probation Department.

**Passed and adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2005, by unanimous vote of all members present.