RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DENNIS KIRBY UPON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Dennis Kirby entered public service with the County of Santa Barbara 1971 after having recently completed a successful tour of duty with the United States Air Force. He was first employed as a Radio Technician for the Central Services Department and;

WHEREAS, Dennis has proven that with hard work and the right attitude you can start at the bottom and work your way up to the top. Dennis has received five promotions and has worked for four departments in his career at the County. From 1971 to 1985 he progressed through the ranks of the Communication Division, from the Radio Technician I position to the Communications Manager, and;

WHEREAS, In 2001, Dennis's career changed directions as he stepped into a new role as the Network and Operations Manager for Information Technology Services in the General Services Department. There he managed to improve the reliability and capacity of our network, oversaw Mainframe Operations and Reprographic Services. In March of 2003, Dennis was promoted to his final position, Assistant Director, Information Technology Services Division, General Services. Dennis took the helm during a period of transition for the division, by being the consummate professional and always treating others with respect as he helped improve the division's customer relationships, and;

WHEREAS, for years, this Hale Irwin look alike was frequently spotted out walking during his lunch break and it wasn't always on the golf course. He was quite disciplined in his efforts to stay in shape, perhaps due to his habit of never missing a potluck or party, and;

WHEREAS, Dennis was known in his younger days for zooming up the hill to see how many seagulls he could scare off the road and is now known for, his love of chocolate, his warm laughter, and the care he showed for his staff., and;

WHEREAS, Dennis's loyalty and dedication to the County of Santa Barbara for the past 33 years of service are greatly appreciated. We wish Dennis the very best as he looks forward to his well deserved retirement with his wife Lynn, here in Santa Barbara, California.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Dennis Kirby for dedicated service to the employees and citizens of this County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 15th day of February, 2005, by unanimous vote of the members present.