

SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR CALIFORNIA

SHERIFF'S SERGEANT GARY WILBERDING **UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE** SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Gary Julius Wilberding will be retiring from County service on Thursday, September 16, 2022, having faithfully served in law enforcement for over 27 years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Correction Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Supervising Senior Deputy, and Sergeant;

WHEREAS, Gary Wilberding started his career with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office in 1996. In 1999, he joined the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office as a Correction Officer in the Main Jail. In 2000, he promoted to Sheriff's Deputy and worked patrol assignments throughout the county. In 2008 he was selected as a Field Training Officer, where he trained and mentored future leaders of the Sheriff's Office. In 2009, he was assigned to work as a member of the Mobile Field Force and Hostage Negotiation Team, eventually working his way up to Team Leader of both units. His hard work and expertise led to him earning a promotion to Senior Deputy in 2010, and Sheriff's Sergeant in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Gary Wilberding provided expertise, passion and leadership in Law Enforcement to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, the Sheriff's Office, and all emergency services, contributing greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as well as the objectives of the County. During his tenure, he exemplified the guiding principles of Integrity, Caring, Courage, Fairness and Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Gary Wilberding for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement, and wishes him and his family, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of October, 2022 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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