

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JULIE HENDRICK FOR RECEIVING THE BRONZE CROSS AWARD

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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
JULIE HENDRICK FOR RECEIVING  
THE BRONZE CROSS AWARD

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**WHEREAS**, Julie Hendrick, age 14, is a member of Girl Scouts of Tres Condados' Orcutt Service Unit, Cadette Troop #773 and a member of the Santa Maria Swim Club; and,

**WHEREAS**, while Julie was on a family vacation rafting down the Big Sur River with her father, sisters and a family friend, Nick Brown, age 15, Julie demonstrated the highest qualities learned through Girl Scouts. Through Julie's bravery, good judgment and quick action she was able to rescue Nick from the river's quickly flowing waters; and,

**WHEREAS**, the river was running very high from winter storms and down river a huge tree had fallen across the river; the water was hitting the banks, forcing it to flow back into the center of the river creating an undertow. The rafters were unable to get out of the way and everyone was forced underwater to avoid the huge tree; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undertow kept Julie under the tree and she fought against the current to get out, but once she stopped fighting the current she drifted out from under the tree and surfaced, hanging on to the tree trunk; and,

**WHEREAS**, after surfacing, Julie heard Nick calling for help; his foot was stuck on another tree under the water and his head was just above the water. Julie climbed the fallen tree and jumped back into the water to help Nick free himself. Julie realized not to fight the current, she spoke to Nick to calm him and told him to let go of the tree. Julie held Nick's arm while they floated away from the huge tree and then helped Nick swim to shore; and,

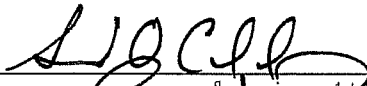
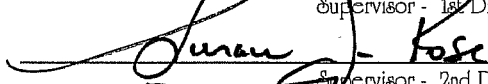
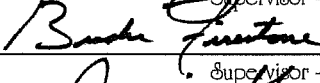
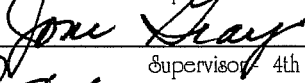
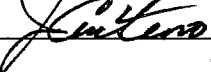
**WHEREAS**, because of her bravery and quick actions, Julie is being honored by the Girl Scouts of Tres Condados in conjunction with the National Girl Scout Headquarters in New York City, with the highest award given for Lifesaving; The Bronze Cross Award; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BECAUSE HEROISM SUCH AS THIS DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors **JULIE HENDRICK** for the bravery it took to risk her own life to save that of her friend and congratulates her upon receiving the **BRONZE CROSS AWARD. PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisor of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

  
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