

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
ROBERT C. GAINES, MD
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Robert C. Gaines, MD has diligently served the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Veterans Health Administration for thirty-six years, beginning his career in 1981 as a Primary Care Provider, then as the Director of the VA Santa Barbara Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, furthering his selfless and dedicated commitment to the Mission of the VA; and

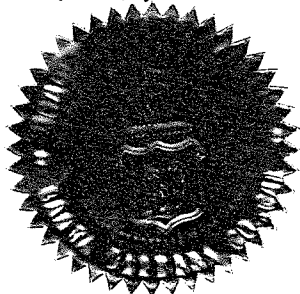
WHEREAS, Robert C. Gaines, MD is recognized by the Veteran's Health Administration as a respected leader and innovator in the delivery of Patient-Centered Care and whose clinical practice is a longstanding benchmark in the VA for excellence, piloting primary care dermatology and battlefield acupuncture to alleviate chronic pain, and he won the awe and admiration of his team and VA Greater Los Angeles for making home visits for patients too frail to come in and for those needing end of life comfort and a warm lemon cake; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Gaines led the charge from ground up to develop and open the doors of the VA San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, and has served the nation's Veterans as the Lead Physician and Primary Care Provider at the VA San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Bakersfield and Oxnard clinics, and continues service as part of the Federal Employee National Emergency Response team following the Katrina tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gaines has spent ten years in volunteer service to the Community of Santa Barbara's Doctors without Walls street medicine program, triaging and treating the city's homeless women and men; has provided volunteer first aid care during the Isla Vista Halloween and Fiesta celebrations; has served as volunteer physician at the Ventura and Santa Maria Veteran Stand-downs; has as partnered with the Santa Barbara County Emergency Response Team and assisted in the development of critical local protocols; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors congratulates and honors the thirty-six years of exemplary service of Robert C. Gaines, MD. to our community Veterans. He is thanked for his distinguished service to our local heroes, the women and men that have served our nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of July 2018, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Sharon Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Pat Miller
Supervisor - 1st District
Gant Way
Supervisor - 2nd District
Tom Wash
Supervisor - 3rd District
Scott Allen
Supervisor - 4th District
St. Jovan
Supervisor - 5th District