

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR WILLIE POINDEXTER, JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS OFFICER FOR OVER 21 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Willie Poindexter has lived in Santa Barbara his entire life with the exception of when he attended college in Long Beach. Willie graduated from California State University, Long Beach in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a minor in dance; and

WHEREAS, Willie began his career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a Juvenile Institutions Officer in January of 1994. Willie was assigned to work in the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall until its closure in 2008 when he was assigned to the Los Prietos Boys Camp; and

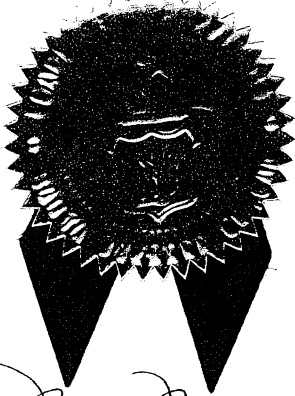
WHEREAS, Willie has inspired many youthful offenders and staff with his message, "Joy is a choice" and has always modeled a strong sense of faith, family and integrity. Willie is known to be kind, peaceful and generous despite holding an 8th degree black belt in Kung Fu San Soo. He has been training Probation staff in unarmed defense tactics since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Willie facilitated a parenting program for incarcerated young fathers, called Just Beginnings while at Los Prietos Boys Camp. Willie, a father himself to his beautiful daughter, Nicole, provided guidance based on his years of experience as a father and repeatedly conveyed to the new young fathers the significant and vital role a father plays in their child's life; and

WHEREAS, Willie is commended for his faithful and dedicated service to the people who work and live in Santa Barbara County. He instilled in the youth a firm belief that they mattered and were capable of achieving their dreams and aspirations, whatever they may have been. He is looking forward to focusing on the next chapter in his life including spending time with his "greatest weakness and his greatest strength", his daughter Nicole, and continuing to teach and practice martial arts and finally, just enjoying and appreciating the life he has been given.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Willie Poindexter for over 21 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department, and extend to him best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this third day of May by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 2nd District
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Supervisor - 3rd District
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