

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
JAMES F. MORRISSEY
FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, James Morrissey was born in San Francisco, California, and earned an Associates of Arts degree in Social Science in 1961 from Yuba Junior College, Marysville. Jim entered the United States Army in 1962 and served in West Germany during the Vietnam War. He then attended California State University, Chico, and California State University, Sacramento, before graduating from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science. Prior to joining the Probation Department, Jim spent 10 years as a train clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad and worked as a Supervisor for the Department of Social Services in three counties: Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Jim began his career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in June 1987 as a Deputy Probation Officer in Santa Maria in the Adult Division as a supervision officer. He was assigned to supervise medium and high risk offenders during his tenure as a supervision officer. Jim was a member of the first Intensive Supervision Unit in Santa Maria, supervising defendants on probation for a variety of crimes, including drug sales, assaultive behavior and serious thefts. He was also one of the first armed officers in the department. Jim was noted to be conscientious, cooperative, dependable, diligent and efficient; and

WHEREAS, Jim transferred to the Adult Investigations Unit in February 1993, where he assumed the role of civil investigator. During his tenure conducting civil investigations, he has displayed courtesy, consideration and concern for our most vulnerable clients, the elderly, incapacitated, and children. He has performed countless investigations relative to conservatorships, guardianships, and step-parent adoptions. Jim is known as the consummate gentleman; and

WHEREAS, Jim is the loving husband of his wife of 43 years, Loris, proud father of daughter Wendy and sons Michael and Stephen and adoring grandfather of Marnie, Cameron, John, Hunter, and Hayley. He is a gifted musician whose notable piano solos will be well remembered by staff. Jim is devoted to his Catholic faith and is looking forward to attending peaceful retreats in his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes James F. Morrissey for 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department and wishes him many happy years in retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 19th day of June 2007 by the unanimous vote of all members present.