

***RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT STEVEN BAIRD
AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY***

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to more than 22,270 veterans who have given the ultimate service to this nation, by serving in its armed forces, and are deserving of recognition and gratitude by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Fourth District Supervisor Peter Adam has the privilege of recognizing Sergeant Steven Baird of the United States Marine Corps who served honorably from December 12, 1994 through December 11, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Baird received honors throughout his military career, serving as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant, which included the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, President Unit Citation, Expert Pistol and Rifle Marksmanship, and personal commendation while conducting operations in Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, after completing his service and returning to his home in Orcutt, CA, Sergeant Baird founded and serves as the President/CEO of ECHO Vets non-profit corporation – BAND OF BROTHERS – an organization focusing on camaraderie amongst veterans through recreational sports programs and community volunteering; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Baird opened and operates *Camp Flores*, a residential stability home for homeless and at-risk Veterans, which has improved the lives of over thirty Veterans since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Baird has established a ground breaking collaboration, while working with law enforcement agencies, to provide emergency assistance to Veterans in crisis 24 hours per day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Sergeant Steven Baird as Veteran of the Month for his service in our armed forces and commends him for his ***continued commitment*** to better the lives of all Veterans on the Central Coast.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of June, 2019 by a unanimous vote of all members present.