



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROD LATHIM
AS THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
2012 LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT**

WHEREAS, Rod Lathim has been recognized by the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission as the 2012 "Leadership in the Arts Award" recipient for his significant impact on the arts and culture of our community; and

WHEREAS, Rod Lathim has provided decades of invaluable guidance and insight to foundations, nonprofits and area performing arts groups, serving on the Board of Directors of the Lobero Theatre, Center Stage Theater, Marjorie Luke Theatre, Boxtales Theatre Company, the Santa Barbara Performing Arts League; and has been recognized by the community for his creative talents in writing, acting, directing, producing, as well as visual arts.

WHEREAS, Rod Lathim has been a tireless advocate for enhanced access to the arts for all residents of our community including those with disabilities, youth and minorities and while leading efforts to establish workshops, performance and exhibition opportunities for artists that live and work in Santa Barbara, insuring the preservation of Santa Barbara's unique cultural signature; and

WHEREAS, Rod Lathim was instrumental in the raising over \$4 million dollars to renovate the Marjorie Luke Theatre which included establishing a unique public/private partnership with the Santa Barbara School Districts to create a performing arts venue used by public schools and the community. In addition, in his capacity of President of the Board of the Marjorie Luke Theatre, Rod worked to establish a Rent Subsidy Program that provides financial support to many local performing arts groups, developed community-based programs including the GLEE AT THE LUKE Benefit that featured the cast and producers of the popular television show, and he promoted the Viva El Arte Series in partnership with UCSB Arts & Lectures; and

WHEREAS, Rod Lathim's distinguished career includes founding Access Theatre and directing and co-writing many of 20 original productions including the award-winning international tour and television production of STORM READING that starred Neil Marcus. Rod also achieved international acclaim for his work in 1985 when he was awarded the prestigious Princess Grace Award presented by HSH Prince Albert of Monaco and Frank Sinatra;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Rod Lathim upon his receiving the County Arts Commission's "Leadership in the Arts Award".

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4th day of December, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandee Walker
Clerk of the Board

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