

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY SIMAS ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Kathy Simas, to the dismay of many of us, has decided to retire from the Santa Barbara Foundation and;

WHEREAS, Kathy has spent the last 20 years tirelessly advocating for the voiceless and most vulnerable in our county and;

WHEREAS, as the Foundation's North County Director, Kathy was instrumental in directing funding towards worthy projects in Lompoc, Santa Maria and the Santa Ynez Valley and;

WHEREAS, Kathy led the charge in developing the Community Cornerstone Center for Non-profits, which transfigured the former Coca-Cola building in Santa Maria into a home for our local service providers and;

WHEREAS, Kathy may be best known for the extraordinary work she has done in honoring and serving our county's veterans. The Santa Barbara County Veteran's Collaborative, the 100 day Veteran's Housing Challenge, the WWII Project and the Stories of Honor were all successful because of the time and love Kathy poured into these projects and;

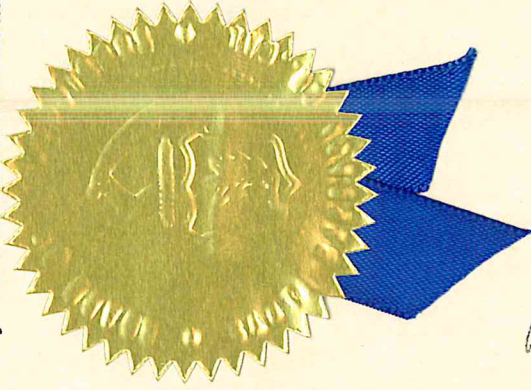
WHEREAS, Kathy was and continues to be a critical component of the success of the Annual Veteran's Stand Down. It was Kathy's recommendation to the Foundation that secured the funding for the inaugural event and she has continued to build relationships that are still blossoming a decade later and;

WHEREAS, Kathy was also the catalyst behind a myriad of other efforts, including the "Thanks for Caring" project in Lompoc, the kids art banner contest in Santa Maria, the Non-profit Forum, the Volunteer Fair for non-profits and a host of others that made our community a better place to live and;

WHEREAS, Kathy has never sought recognition of any kind, always happy to be part of the team, constantly focused on the goal, which is to build empathetic, inclusive and resilient communities

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Kathy Simas for her decades of dedication to the Santa Barbara Foundation and the citizens of Santa Barbara County and wishes her well on her retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County this 17th day of November, 2020 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Greg Williams
Supervisor - 1st District

Greg Hart
Supervisor - 2nd District

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