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RESOLUTION NO. 24-96

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING HILLARY HAUSER UPON HER RETIREMENT AND HER REMARKABLE LEGACY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, Hillary Hauser has made a remarkable impact on the Santa Barbara community as the Executive Director and co-founder of Heal the Ocean; and*

*WHEREAS, her leadership, activism and advocacy contributes to the betterment of our oceans, the planet, and the future health and resilience of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, Hillary began her career as a National Programmer at T.V. Guide and subsequently became scuba diving certified which marked the beginning of a love and appreciation for the ocean; and*

*WHEREAS, Hillary went on to a long and illustrious career photographing, writing about, documenting and advocating for the health of the ocean and improved wastewater practices; and*

*WHEREAS, Hillary co-founded Heal the Ocean in 1998 which has successfully focused on wastewater infrastructure and the eradication of harmful ocean dumping practices, whose methods now serve as a model for other coastal communities across the country; and*

*WHEREAS, Hillary's contributions to Heal the Ocean and beyond have been recognized by the United States Congress, the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences, the California State Assembly and numerous other accolades; and*

*WHEREAS, as Santa Barbara Independent journalist Nick Welsh shares, "Among Hillary Hauser's signature skills has been her ability to bang the drum both loudly and softly as an advocate;" and*

*WHEREAS, Hillary's commitment to the protection and reverence of the ocean can be summed up in her own words, All About the Sea: "Some find solace in isolated back country –ruggedness, dryness and gullies, cactus and sage...For some, the ocean is the Great Lap that waits with understanding and comfort. With surrounding love and familiarity, fishes and magic."*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors acknowledges Hillary Hauser's contributions to the Santa Barbara community, our oceans, and earth and expresses our deepest appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of May, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.*