

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
SERGEANT WILLIAM MICHAEL WEST
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, William Michael West will be retiring from County service on Friday, October 17, 2008, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Department for a period of nearly twenty seven (27) years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, William Michael West started his career with the Santa Barbara County on November 9, 1981, as a Sheriff's Correction Officer. On January 3, 1983, he was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff. During his years of service, he worked in various capacities including Deputy and Sergeant on Patrol; Bailiff and Senior Deputy in Court Services; DARE Officer; Sergeant in the Civil Bureau; and most notably as a Detective and later Sergeant with the Department's Criminal Investigations Division, where he served to bring justice to the families of numerous crime victims; and

WHEREAS, William Michael West, throughout his career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Department positive leadership and professionalism, allowing him to rise steadily through the organization, attaining the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, William Michael West provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends William Michael West for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this October 21, 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.