

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION HONORING MONA MIYASATO UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Mona Miyasato began her distinguished public service career more than 30 years ago, serving the communities of Santa Monica and Marin County before joining Santa Barbara County in 2013 bringing with her a rare blend of calm leadership, sharp insight, integrity, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Mona has spent the last twelve and a half years as County Executive Officer, leading a 1.7-billion-dollar organization with 23 departments, and 4,700 employees with her signature steadiness and clarity—guiding the County through fiscal pressures, disasters, and even a global pandemic, all while making the complex seem understandable and the impossible seem manageable; and

WHEREAS, Mona’s leadership goes beyond budgets and operations. She has helped shape a clear vision, mission, and set of values for the County, grounded in service, accountability, customer focus, equity and inclusion, innovation, and trust and ethics. Under her leadership, these values are not just aspirational, they are embedded in how the County engages with residents, delivers services, and makes decisions; and

WHEREAS, Mona’s decision-making is rooted in listening, analyzing, and inviting multiple perspectives, enabling her to ask the tough questions, chart clear goals, and design solutions that last; and through this reflective yet forward-thinking approach she helped transform the County into a more modern, transparent, and accessible organization—introducing digital services and permits, launching enterprise systems such as Workday, and expanding public transparency through newsletters, plain-language Board summaries, and an online budget tool; and

WHEREAS, Mona has long been the behind-the-scenes force who brings people together, powered by collaboration, late-night phone calls, and countless meetings, all in service of the greater good; and because of her persistence the County has made significant strides in serving vulnerable residents, reducing homelessness, and improving criminal justice and diversion systems; and under her guidance, new programs now offer early legal support, access to medication and mental health services, while interim supportive housing sites in three communities across the County have helped hundreds of people find housing, stability and a path forward; and

WHEREAS, she guided the County through 40 Emergency Operations Center activations including the Thomas Fire, the January 9 Debris Flow, numerous wildfires and winter storms, and the COVID19 pandemic, never rattled, always prepared—and while leading staff through some of our county’s darkest moments, she somehow found time to “accidentally” adopt more than one rescue dog in need; and

WHEREAS, Mona is not only an exceptional leader, but an incredible human being—humble, warm, witty, funny, and supportive—whose legacy will endure in the modern systems she built, the people she mentored, the communities she strengthened, and the culture of integrity and collaboration she leaves behind; and as we prepare to wish her well in retirement, we extend our heartfelt thanks to her husband Dave for sharing such a brilliant and remarkable person with us all these years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and thanks Mona Miyasato for her exceptional decades of public service and her outstanding leadership as County Executive Officer, and congratulates her upon her well-earned retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 18 day of August, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Miyasato
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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