

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR RUBEN BARAJAS FOR 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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WHEREAS, Ruben Barajas entered County Parks service on January 21, 1974 in the position of Grounds Maintenance Worker; and

WHEREAS, Ruben was promoted to Equipment Mechanic II in 1979, and served in that role with distinction and dedication at the South County operations center, and in that same position from 1985 to 1990 at Cachuma Lake; and

WHEREAS, with budgetary constraints from 1990 to 1992, Ruben cheerfully divided his time as an Equipment Mechanic between South County and North County maintenance crews, repairing equipment with ingenuity and frugalness, and thereby helping to keep County Parks running during those tough times; and

WHEREAS, Ruben was promoted to the key position of Mechanic/Welder in 1992 and in December of that year was assigned to the maintenance staff at the South County operations center, where he has performed diligent and creative service for all of his colleagues in County Parks; and

WHEREAS, Ruben has generously shared his vast storehouse of practical knowledge and institutional memory with maintenance and landscape staff, park rangers, and agency managers and executives; and

WHEREAS, Ruben will retire on July 11, 2008, having dedicated 34 years of service to the Parks Department, the County of Santa Barbara and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Ruben Barajas and wish him the best upon his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this, 8th day of July, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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