

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR MARTHA FRANCO DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER FOR OVER 29 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Martha Franco was born and raised in Santa Maria, California. She attended and graduated from Santa Maria High School. She would pursue higher education and graduated from Chapman University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She was subsequently hired by Santa Barbara County Social Services as an Eligibility Worker in 1993, and promoted to Social Worker in 1996. She continued her career in social work through 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 she was hired by Santa Barbara Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO). Her initial assignment was in the Adult Investigations Unit where she prepared sentencing reports. In 2017, she transitioned to Santa Maria Juvenile Court Services where she oversaw juvenile placements for two years. She served from 2019 through the conclusion of her career in Juvenile Investigations completing reports for the court; and

WHEREAS, DPO Martha Franco served in challenging roles while with the Department. As a placement officer, DPO Franco worked with youth who were placed in group homes. In this assignment, she had the rewarding experience supporting non-minor dependents as they navigated the extended foster care benefit system in order to obtain higher education and maintain housing. DPO Franco received recognition during her career, including: The Bulldog Award from Adult Investigations in 2015, and special acknowledgement for her service as a First Aid/CPR instructor in 2021; and

WHEREAS, DPO Martha Franco is looking forward to spending more time with her husband Jose Senior, and two sons Jacob and Jose Junior, and making memories travelling with her family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize DPO Martha Franco for over 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, and extend to her best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 24th day of January by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District