



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING MARY HOUSEL

WHEREAS, Mary Housel, a longtime resident of Santa Barbara County, has been instrumental in the advancement and development of the North County Library system; and

WHEREAS, under Mary Housel's leadership both Orcutt (2012) and Cuyama (2013) branch libraries moved into new buildings; and

WHEREAS, because of Mary's guidance and help from the Friends of the Los Alamos Library, The Los Alamos Library (2015) was both relocated and renovated after 17 years of closure (since 1988); and

WHEREAS, Mary has worked closely with Friends groups to write grants to bring wi-fi and other new technology to all branches, including the youth learning computers and self-checkout stations at Orcutt; and

WHEREAS, she oversaw the navigation of library services for the main library and all branches throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mary formed the non-profit Santa Maria Public Library Foundation (2014) to benefit the main Santa Maria Public Library and all branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation has been instrumental in fundraising for added library services and through the Foundation, Chromebooks were purchased for after-school student use at all branch locations, and the local community history photographic displays and collections were purchased and installed at all libraries; and

WHEREAS, through Mary's time serving on the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee, she contributed helpful work for strategic planning for the county branches, including analyzing data and setting standards of service for staffing, programs, and services at all libraries and she worked with the county to bring increased funding for unincorporated branch libraries including the three in the Santa Maria zone (Cuyama, Orcutt and Los Alamos).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County recognizes Mary Housel her service to this community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of April, 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

Rob Williams
Supervisor - 1st District
Greg Hart
Supervisor - 2nd District
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Supervisor - 3rd District
Bob Weber
Supervisor - 4th District
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