



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
SHERIFF'S COMMANDER SHAWN O'GRADY  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*WHEREAS, Shawn O'Grady will be retiring from County service on Sunday, March 21, 2021, having faithfully served the County of Santa Barbara for over 34 years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Commander; and*

*WHEREAS, Shawn O'Grady started his career with Santa Barbara County on November 3, 1986, as an Extra-Help Deputy Marshal. On August 6, 1990, he became a full time Deputy Marshal and a Deputy Sheriff in 1996, when the Marshal's Office was combined with the Sheriff's Office. During his thirty-four years of service he has worked in various capacities, including bailiff services, patrol, detectives, supervision and management. He particularly distinguished himself while serving as the Chief of Police for the cities of Solvang and Buellton between 2013 and 2018, building strong and productive relationships with the leadership teams from both cities; and*

*WHEREAS, Shawn O'Grady, throughout his career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Office with positive leadership, professionalism and well-timed humor, allowing him to rise steadily through the organization, attaining the rank of Sheriff's Commander; and*

*WHEREAS, Shawn O'Grady provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice; and*

*WHEREAS, Shawn O'Grady's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as well as the objectives of the county.*

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Sharon Reyes  
Clerk of the Board

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