

***RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF  
GENE O. PETERSEN, PARKS COMMISSIONER  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY***

***WHEREAS***, Gene O. Petersen was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts on February 11, 1948; he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 23, and was awarded the *Air Force Commendation Medal* for service performed while in Thailand during the Vietnam War; and

***WHEREAS***, Gene O. Petersen worked as a Certified Public Accountant in Santa Maria for over 45 years and treated each individual more like a family member rather than a “client”; and

***WHEREAS***, Gene O. Petersen faithfully served as ‘Parks Commissioner’ for 27 years as an appointee for six different Santa Barbara County Supervisors in two districts – Harrell Fletcher (5<sup>th</sup>), Toru Miyoshi (5<sup>th</sup>), Mike Stoker (5<sup>th</sup>), Timothy J. Staffel (4<sup>th</sup>) and Joni Gray (4<sup>th</sup>); and

***WHEREAS***, Gene O. Petersen had a special place in his heart for Waller Park and supported the efforts of the “Friends of Waller Park” organization who dedicated a tree in Gene’s name honoring his commitment to *all* parks within Santa Barbara County; and

***WHEREAS***, Gene O. Petersen had a love of travel and spending time outdoors on the water; he was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who always put his family before himself and will continue to be a role model as someone to be aspired.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED*** that this Board of Supervisors honors the life of Gene O. Petersen for his service as a member of the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission and further recognizes him for his years of dedication whose commitment has bettered the lives of his family and so many others throughout Santa Barbara County.

***PASSED AND ADOPTED*** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.