



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR**  
**COMMANDER RUSSELL BIRCHIM**  
**UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE**  
**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**CALIFORNIA**

*WHEREAS, Russell Birchim will be retiring from County service on Sunday, March 25, 2007, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Department for a period of over thirty years (30), during which he served as a Sheriff's Commander, and*

*WHEREAS, Russell Birchim started his career with the Santa Barbara County on October 11, 1976, as a Corrections Officer. In 1978 he was promoted to the classification of Deputy Sheriff. During his thirty years of service he has worked in various capacities, most notably as a detective with the Department's Criminal Investigations Division, where he served to bring justice to the families of numerous crime victims and;*

*WHEREAS, Russell Birchim, throughout his career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Department positive leadership and professionalism, allowing him to rise steadily through the organization, attaining the rank of Commander, and;*

*WHEREAS, Russell Birchim 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, Russell Birchim's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department 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 Russell Birchim for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him and his wife, Tansy, continued good health and many years of happiness.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this March 20, 2007, by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District