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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO SUSAN L. RUBY FOR 10 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, Susan L. Ruby came to work for Santa Barbara County in December, 1991 as a Supervising Planner in the Resource Management Department supervising the development of the Montecito Plan and then taking over the Housing program before it was moved to the Housing Finance Department, and:

WHEREAS, in January, 1994, Susan Ruby moved with the Housing Program to the Housing Finance & Development Department of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office as Program Manager spending over nine years developing a nationally recognized program based upon housing finance principles resulting in the creation of a sound financial portfolio of loans, and;

WHEREAS, Susan Ruby was instrumental in bringing together Santa Barbara County and the Cities of Carpinteria, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Guadalupe to form the Santa Barbara HOME Consortium in order to receive housing funds from HUD; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless efforts Susan Ruby brought over \$15 Million dollars of State and Federal funding to Santa Barbara County affordable housing and special needs projects; identified and supported effective Community-based Housing Development Organizations to implement County housing programs, and under her guidance the Housing Finance & Development Department funded 525 completed units of affordable housing that leveraged more than \$43 Million dollars in additional project financing, and;

WHEREAS, Susan Ruby was appointed a member of the California Department of Housing and Community Development blue ribbon panel created by the California Assembly to address funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant funds, and;

WHEREAS, Susan Ruby brought Santa Barbara County's housing issues and programs to the national arena as faculty and speaker at the National Association of Homebuilders Multi-Housing World 2000 Conference and at the American Bar Association's National Conference on Affordable Housing, and:

WHEREAS, Susan Ruby accomplished all these activities and more with both wit and wisdom expressed as "Susanisms", such as "Look for the forest in the trees" and "When under stress, GO SHOPPING!"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends and thanks SUSAN L. RUBY for her 10 years of dedicated and faithful service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, and wishes her "All the Best" on her retirement and all of her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 26th day of February, 2002 by unanimous vote of all members present.

