

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL STEPHEN D. UNDERWOOD
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, Stephen D. Underwood will retire on October 28, 2011 after twenty-eight and a half years of faithful and distinguished service to the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, Stephen D. Underwood's career with the County began April 11, 1983 as Risk Counselor for County Counsel's Office of Risk Management, where he created and implemented programs to protect County taxpayers from legal liability, which programs continue to benefit the County to this day; and,

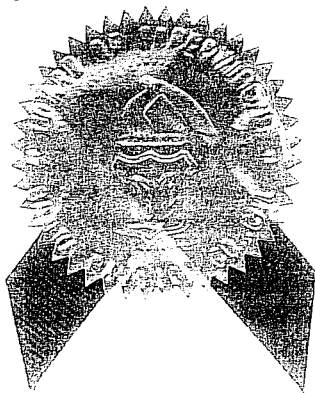
WHEREAS, Stephen D. Underwood was promoted to Senior Deputy County Counsel in 1985, to Chief Deputy in 1990, and to Chief Assistant in 2001, roles in which he provided valuable leadership to the County Counsel's Office, while continuing to win court victories for and dispense wise legal advice to this Board, the Sheriff, and many other clients throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, Stephen D. Underwood's steady rise through the organization is as much a testament to his professional skills and dedication to public service as it is to his good nature, quick humor and many other outstanding personal qualities, which have won him friendship, trust and respect from clients and colleagues alike; and,

WHEREAS, Stephen D. Underwood has also brought recognition and respect to the County as the County Management Association's 2000 Manager of the Year, as general counsel for the California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority and as a professor of law;

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of October, 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Steve Lioce

Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

Robert Kahan

Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 5th District

APPROVE

Clerk of the Board