

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR THE SHERIFF'S TREATMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) is being honored by the California State Association of Counties with the 2008 Merit Challenge Award in recognition of their exemplary record of professional and civic service; and

WHEREAS, the alcohol and drug prevention, intervention and treatment service providers have a proud history of service, innovation and dedication to the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Treatment Program has been providing intensive inpatient substance abuse treatment in four housing units in the County Jail since 1996 ; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Treatment Program has reduced the recidivism rates for male participants to 38.8% and for female participants to 40.3 %; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their rehabilitation and integration back into the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors The Sheriff's Treatment Program for its well-deserved recognition by the California State Association of Counties and further commends them for their dedicated service to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of February, 2009, by a unanimous vote of all members present.