

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING MARK CARL WERNER
FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A
VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, Mark's career as a volunteer for the Board of Supervisors began in 1985 in the office of then-State Senator Gary Hart, with an introduction to Naomi Schwartz that would serve as a crucial turning point which forever changed his life; and

WHEREAS, Mark initially met Naomi following a very bad motorcycle accident from which he had severe brain damage and lost everything including his hope. Naomi helped Mark to get reestablished in many ways including securing housing, forms of identification, and most importantly helping him find his purpose. Before Naomi retired from Senator Hart's office she called Mark to see how he was doing, and gave him his first volunteer job in the office which commenced his meaningful volunteer work and public service; and

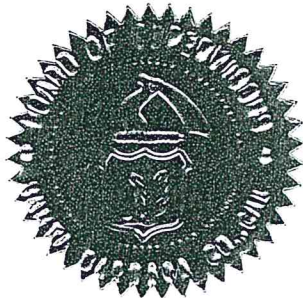
WHEREAS, in December of 1992 Naomi called him upon being elected First District Supervisor and offered him to continue his volunteer work in her new First District office. Mark also was invited and attended Supervisor Schwartz' swearing in ceremony as Supervisor, a day Mark will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Mark became a regular volunteer for the First District office and eventually the whole Board of Supervisors, delivering newspapers to each office, making coffee and setting up for Board hearings on Tuesdays. Mark continued to volunteer for Naomi's three terms as First District Supervisor, and still continues his service today; and

WHEREAS, following Naomi's retirement from the Board, Mark called her every Saturday at 11:00am throughout the rest of her life. In his last conversation with her he said, "...Naomi, you've given me a life I couldn't even dream about! I love my life, I love what I do! I look forward to every new day! Thank you Naomi, for the life you have given me to live!"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Mark Carl Werner for his 20 years of dedication and outstanding volunteer service to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, carrying on Naomi Schwartz' legacy of excellence in all forms of public service.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18th day of March, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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