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RESOLUTION NO. 19-198

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING SANDY BLAIR AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

WHEREAS, Sandy Blair enlisted in the USAF in 1993 and served her country for 12 years until a medical condition forced her into an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair struggled to reintegrate into civilian life, suffering from depression and despair as she was continually told that her military skills overqualified her for the jobs she was applying for; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair spent over a year waiting for the Veterans Administration to determine her eligibility for employment training, education services and medical benefits; and

WHEREAS, during her transition struggles she vowed to make a difference for other veterans caught up in the same predicament; and

WHEREAS, after earning her real estate license in 2014, Sandy established a safe refuge for homeless female veterans by opening a four bedroom residential home to allow these women to reestablish a healthy lifestyle, rebuild confidence, and feel safe while working towards a common goal of reintegration; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2018 Sandy established WEBS, Women Empowered Build Strong ,a 501(c)3 with the dream of building a tiny home farming community where women veterans can learn social, emotional and professional skills which will help them rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Blair has taken the negative experiences she had transitioning from military to civilian life and transformed that experience into an opportunity to assist and uplift others struggling with the same issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that because of her incredible spirit and tenacious effort on behalf of other veterans, Sandy Blair is hereby being honored as Santa Barbara County's Veteran of the Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 9th day of July 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

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