



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOCENT-LED TOURS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent Council began tours of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in 1973 when volunteers organized to share the history and architecture of the building with visitors; and

WHEREAS today the Council continues to host guided tours of this National Historic Monument for more than 6,000 visitors annually, and on May 1st of 2024 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the first Docent-led tours; and

WHEREAS, the Docent Council boasts a membership of 50 docents, 35 sustaining members, and an incoming class of 14 news members; and

WHEREAS Docents undergo a rigorous 10-week training program consisting of educational sessions on the artisans, architects, and community leaders that brought the courthouse into being. Community members interested in becoming a Docent can sign up online to be notified of when applications will begin being accepted for next year's class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing tours the Docent Council has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for various restoration and preservation projects on Courthouse grounds, including the 4,200-square-foot mural and antique draperies in the iconic Mural Room, the 78 lanterns, and the allegorical scenes on the copper-plated door of the Hall of Records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent Council for their efforts and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of docent-led tours for visitors, local youth, and all those who appreciate the architectural brilliance and beauty of our treasured Courthouse.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 23rd day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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