



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY SAM GROSS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Sam Gross has served the people of Santa Barbara County and the Sheriff's Office with honor and distinction for 46 years, having joined the Sheriff's Office on July 27, 1971, and having attended the Police Academy in 1972, where he was recognized for achieving the highest scholastic record in the class; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Gross has served the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy, Senior Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander, and Deputy Chief, his assignments and duties having included patrol, detectives, the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, the Custody Branch and crime analysis, and having qualified as a dispatcher, a polygraph examiner, and as a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Gross' personnel file is filled with dozens of letters from the public and memos of commendation from his supervisors for the innumerable times he has performed his duties exceptionally, with his unparalleled knowledge of the workings of the Sheriff's Office specifically, and county government in general, resulting in a network of relationships and the highest level of respect accorded by everyone who knows him; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Gross is an invaluable member of the Sheriff's Office who refused to slow down as his retirement approached, carrying on his reputation of staying connected to his troops by volunteering for bicycle patrol and responding to callouts including the recent fires; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Gross' immense knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the success of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as well as the objectives of the County.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 25th day of July, 2017 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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