

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

# CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR PATTI STEWART, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**WHEREAS**, Chief Probation Officer Patti Stewart was born and raised in northern Santa Barbara County, grew up in Guadalupe, attended local schools, and graduated with highest honors from University of California Santa Barbara in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society with a Criminal Justice Emphasis; and

**WHEREAS**, Patti began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a student volunteer in 1980 and was hired as a Deputy Probation Officer in October 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Stewart has served in all operational divisions of the Department and has received numerous awards and commendations, promoted to Supervising Probation Officer in 1993, was appointed to be the first female director of Los Prietos Boys Camp in May 1996, and promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief Probation Officer assigned to the Institutions Division in August 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, after a statewide recruitment process, Patti was selected as Chief Probation Officer by the Superior Court and sworn in by the Honorable Arthur A. Garcia in May 2007, and has since represented the Department well as the Southern Region Chair for the Chief Probation Officers of California, as the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and the Community Corrections Partnership, and as a member of the First Five Children and Families Commission, County Law Enforcement Chiefs, Collaborative Courts Policy Council, Kids Network and Fighting Back Executive Committees; and

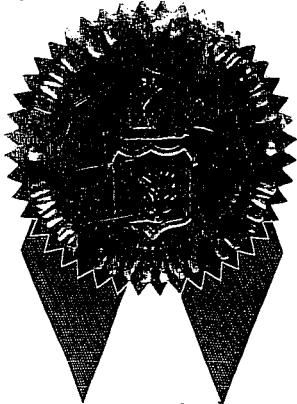
**WHEREAS**, Chief Stewart's appointment in 2007 was followed by multiple years of a recessed economy and fiscal challenges resulting in staff lay offs and facility and program closures; however, with the support of dedicated staff, Probation was undaunted and reorganized; a department-wide Business Process Improvement Project targeted efficiencies, grant funds were obtained, and innovative, evidence based strategies and programs were implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, during Chief Stewart's tenure, Juvenile Alternative Detention Programs were opened, evidence based risk assessments were fully implemented, Adult Probation Report and Resource Centers and offender kiosk reporting were initiated, vocational programs expanded, and grant funds secured to increase the use of electronic supervision with GPS for the highest risk offenders under Probation's supervision. The Chief was also responsible to coordinate the development of a collaborative, strategic, and balanced implementation plan for Criminal Justice Realignment pursuant to the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act which initiated the most significant changes in local community corrections in the last 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Patti plans to continue her service by applying to be a community member of the First Five Children and Families Commission, will maintain juvenile supervision duties on a caseload of two for her twin eleven year olds Connor and Sarah, and will finally return to her study of Tang Soo Do, read something only because she wants to, take a "cooking for idiots" class, and go fishing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Chief Probation Officer Patti Stewart upon her retirement for over 30 years of faithful, dedicated, and innovative service to countless probationers, the citizens of Santa Barbara County, and to the Probation Department.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011 by the unanimous vote of the members.



ATTEST:

*Chandra Walton*  
Clerk of the Board

*L. O. C. P.*  
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Supervisor - 1st District

*Janet Wall*  
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Supervisor - 2nd District

*Robert Fair*  
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Supervisor - 3rd District

*Joni Gray*  
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Supervisor - 4th District

*S. J. Jones*  
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Supervisor - 5th District