

# Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-83

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SHERIFF'S COMMANDER ERIK RANEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**WHEREAS**, Erik Raney will be retiring from County service on Saturday, March 28, 2026, having faithfully served the County and the Sheriff's Office for over 30 years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Deputy, Senior Deputy, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Commander; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Raney started his career with Santa Barbara County on July 3, 1995, as a Sheriff's Deputy. During his thirty years of service, he has worked in various capacities including Patrol, Criminal Investigations Detective, Public Information Officer, Sheriff's Adjutant and held collateral duty assignments as a Field Training Officer, SET/SWAT Operator, Mounted Unit Team Manager, Mutual Aid Coordinator, RAU Commander, DARE Lieutenant, Crime Prevention Program Supervisor and Law Enforcement Academy Instructor; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Raney, throughout his career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Office positive leadership professionalism, allowing him to rise steadily through the organization, attaining the rank of Sergeant in 2002 and Lieutenant in 2011, and managed the Human Resources Bureau, Air Support Unit and Northern Stations Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Raney achieved the rank of Commander in 2021 and has overseen the North County Operations Division, the Operations Support Division, and the Criminal Investigations Division and provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Raney's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall mission and goals of the Sheriff's Office where he has earned numerous commendations, to include the Sheriff's Unit Citation, Deputy of the Quarter, the Thomas Fire - 1/9 Debris Flow Major Incident Commendation, the Conception Dive Boat Major Incident Commendation and the H. Thomas Guerry Award for Superior Performance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge Erik Raney upon his retirement

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Niyasato*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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