

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

***Resolution Honoring the Crisis Intervention Team
of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office
and Department of Behavioral Wellness
for a Successful First Year of Service***

WHEREAS, since September 14, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Sciences Unit, under the direction of Dr. Cherylynn Lee, has deployed the Crisis Intervention Team, a mental health co-response team staffed by a Sheriff's Deputy and a Mobile Crisis Services Clinician of the Department of Behavioral Wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team serves our community by responding to calls involving people experiencing mental health crises, and by proactively building relationships with people living with mental illness in our community; and

WHEREAS, since the launch of the program, the Crisis Intervention Team has worked more than 130 shifts, responded to more than 350 calls, and conducted more than 370 proactive engagements; and

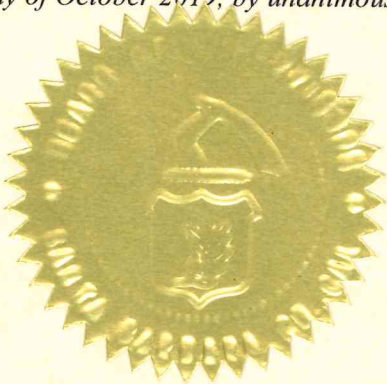
WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team has used diversion efforts to prevent criminal justice system involvement in more than 70 situations that would have otherwise resulted in arrests; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team has helped de-escalate interactions between law enforcement officers and people with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team has received the California State Association of Counties' Merit Award, and has received grant funding from the Department of Justice's Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program and the State of California's Prop 47 Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors congratulates and commends the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and Department of Behavioral Wellness on a successful first year of the Crisis Intervention Team.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 1st day of October 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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