



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION HONORING ABE POWELL AS THE 2018 MONTECITO ASSOCIATION CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

*WHEREAS, John Abraham "Abe" Powell has been selected as the 2018 Citizen of the Year by the Montecito Association in recognition of the contributions he has made to enhance the quality of life in Montecito; and*

*WHEREAS, Abe Powell was born to a Montecito native, has lived in our community himself since 1976, and he has served as a Montecito Fire Protection District Director since 2012; and*

*WHEREAS, Abe Powell, seeing his community in urgent need, founded the Bucket Brigade after the Thomas Fire and Debris flow in Montecito to help residents remove debris and mud from their properties and homes and proclaimed: "we need to just dig 'em out"; and*

*WHEREAS, Abe Powell obtained permission from the Sheriff's Department, set up a desk at the roadblocks after the disaster to provide resources, including shovels and wheelbarrows, and organized a group of fifty volunteers who, under Abe's direction, accomplished an amazing amount of work in one day helping residents remove debris and mud from their properties.*

*WHEREAS, this resounding level of community participation has continued for more than 9 months and, to date, the team has dug out 90 structures and countless trees; and*

*WHEREAS, Abe Powell personally expended his own funds to start this endeavor and bring tremendous aid to the Montecito community in the wake of disaster; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends John Abraham "Abe" Powell as the recipient of the 2018 Montecito Association Citizen of the Year Award and further commends him for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in service to this community.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



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Supervisor - 5th District

**ATTEST:** *[Signature]*  
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Clerk of the Board