

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING FR. MICHAEL BRENDAN MAHONEY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS PASTOR OF OLD MISSION SANTA INES IN SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Fr. Michael Brendan Mahoney, OFM Cap., was born and raised in County Cork, Ireland and entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in October, 1964. He was ordained a Priest in June, 1974 and sent to the United States to serve in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Michael subsequently earned two Master's Degrees in Psychology and Family Counseling, and became a naturalized US citizen. He has been assigned to a variety of parishes operated by his Province in California, most recently serving as Pastor of Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang since 2001. His new assignment will be Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Burlingame, CA; and

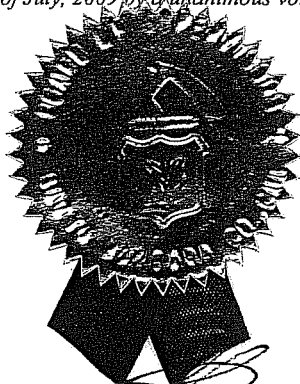
WHEREAS, during the eight years Fr. Michael has been the Pastor at the Mission, he has not only endeared himself to the parishioners, but has extended himself well beyond the Mission grounds and faithfully served the Valley at large while forging excellent community relations. He is an active member of the Solvang Breakfast Rotary Club, has served on the Community Action Commission, and attended many planning and City Council meetings over the years. He has also served as Chaplain for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Michael has initiated many positive changes in the ongoing renovation and restoration of the historic Mission grounds, including the painting of the Church interior, installation of new pews, developing a new and enlarged plaza area in front of the Church, enhancing the gardens and landscaping of the grounds, and renovating the Mission Archives. He also developed a partnership with the Santa Barbara Trust for Preservation to develop an historic park and planting of an olive grove; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Michael is known for his keen Irish wit and charm, and his avid love for sports, especially golf. His love and compassion for people are evident in his establishment of personal relationships wherever he goes. He speaks Spanish fluently and has excelled in expanding programs for the Spanish-speaking community and in increasing the awareness of those less fortunate, both within the parish and in the surrounding areas of the Santa Ynez Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Fr. Michael's distinguished service as Pastor. He has perpetuated the important role the Old Mission has played in the history and tradition of the Santa Ynez Valley and he will be greatly missed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of July, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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