

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. GEIS, III UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE ELECTED AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AFTER ALMOST 37 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert W. Geis, III (Bob) will retire as the elected Auditor-Controller on March 27, 2016, having faithfully served the citizens of Santa Barbara County for almost 37 years. Bob started his career with the County as an internal auditor, became the Public Works Business Manager, and then was appointed the Assistant Treasurer-Tax-Collector; and

WHEREAS, Bob was dramatically elected as Auditor-Controller in a runoff by a handful of votes and his term began in 1991, when he was barely 36 years old, and has run unopposed for six more elections. Bob began the New Auditor Training and Rotation Program that has graduated more than 75 staff, many who are now managers and executives throughout the County and other agencies, and

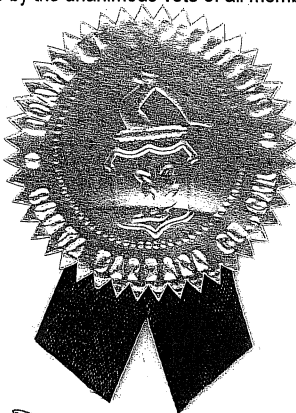
WHEREAS, Bob has been a conscientious steward of public funds and rescued the County from a huge deficit in his first year in office. Bob has been the go-to expert of County finances and provided guidance to several Boards of Supervisors (20 individual Board members), survived five County Executive Officers, and served with numerous County department heads, and

WHEREAS, Bob has been a leader of his peers across the state by holding multiple offices in and serving as president of the State Association of County Auditors. Bob is a Certified Public Accountant, became one of the first 40 Certified Public Finance Officers, and was recently recognized by Forbes Magazine for his steadfast dedication to the Deming management philosophy, and

WHEREAS, Bob has been encouraged and supported by his wife of 31 years, Lori, and the Geis legacy will continue at the County through his son Robert W. Geis, IV, and his new daughter-in-law Andrea Geis. Bob wants to spend more time diligently reducing his golf handicap and finding that perfect bottle of wine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends the Honorable Auditor-Controller Robert W. Geis, III upon his retirement from the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: *Mona Pignatelli*  
Clerk of the Board

*Scott*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Joan Wolf*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*William*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Pete*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*St. Giovanni*  
Supervisor - 5th District