

OF SANT A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

TO COLONEL KIRK E. GIBBS

WHEREAS, Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs has been the Commander and District Engineer of the Los Angeles District, United States Army Corps of Engineers since July 2015, and

WHEREAS, during Colonel Gibbs' tenure at the Los Angeles District, he consistently advocated for projects in Santa Barbara County that would protect life and property and maintain the quality of life for County residents, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs has also distinguished himself in service to our Country through many assignments including overseas deployments in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait, and two tours in Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs earned the Bronze Star in service to our Country, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs proved himself always responsive to Santa Barbara County as shown in the days both before and after the January 9th Debris Flow, providing outstanding leadership of the Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District in support of Santa Barbara County in our time of need, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs support of Santa Barbara County is illustrated by his actions that prepared to have contractors hit the ground in Santa Barbara County immediately following the January 9th Debris Flow and was prepared to respond to our community, and

WHEREAS, upon tasked by FEMA for debris removal, the Corps promptly initiated Emergency Response work critical to protect the communities of Montecito and Carpinteria from additional damages, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs will always be remembered as a true friend to Santa Barbara County through his leadership of the Los Angeles District over the past three years and always answering calls to his cell phone; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gibbs assignment as Commander and District Engineer of the Los Angeles District of the Corps of Engineers ends on July 19, 2018 and he will now further serve our Country by being the Chief of Staff at the Corps Headquarters in Washington D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, California hereby honors and extends its deepest thanks to Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs for his service to our Country and to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and wishes him and his family the best in his future assignments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of July 2018, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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