



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION FOR COMMENDATION FOR MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI

**WHEREAS**, after 24 years of service, Mr. Ghizzoni retired from the Coast Guard and then joined the Office of County Counsel as a Deputy County Counsel on October 4, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ghizzoni handled numerous litigation cases for the County before being promoted to Chief Deputy of Land Use in 2006 and Chief Assistant in 2008, and then served as County Counsel from 2014 to 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the County benefited from Mr. Ghizzoni's prior Coast Guard emergency training as he assisted with many fast-moving, essential disaster response and recovery projects in a calm, organized manner including the Tea Fire, Jesusita Fire, Refugio Oil Spill, Thomas Fire, 1/9 Debris Flow, Conception Boat Fire, and COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, despite Mr. Ghizzoni's busy schedule, he was a "problem solver" and always made time to assist other counties during emergencies, be an active member of the County Counsel Association Litigation Committee, and invested countless hours on large projects such as cannabis and the Northern Branch Jail;

**WHEREAS**, although Mr. Ghizzoni describes his approach to solving legal problems as "calm, robotic guy," those who worked with Mr. Ghizzoni know him to be energetic, hardworking, collaborative, proactive, compassionate, and quite funny; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ghizzoni was well known for his "Ghizzonisms" such as "12 hours is a half day;" "Fast, Good, Cheap: pick 2;" "At 10,000 feet...;" "Measure twice, cut once;" "You fix it, you fly it;" "We are an Oreo without the creamy middle;" and "Three years from now, what will you wish the County had done today?"

**WHEREAS**, in retirement, Mr. Ghizzoni is anticipated to do more of what he loves – drinking coffee, walking his dog Jet, swimming, sailing, biking, hiking, and spending more time with his wife of 34 years, Sally;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors recognizes Michael C. Ghizzoni for his 17 years of service to the County of Santa Barbara.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021 by the unanimous vote of the members present.



ATTEST:

*Monica Reynolds*  
Clerk of the Board

*Paul Hill*  
Supervisor - 1st District

*Steve Hart*  
Supervisor - 2nd District

*Joan Hartman*  
Supervisor - 3rd District

*Bob Mc...*  
Supervisor - 4th District

*St...*  
Supervisor - 5th District