



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Honoring Steve Neil

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 25, 2024, the Santa Maria Superior Courthouse was the target of a bombing attack, resulting in an explosion that injured five individuals and threatened the safety of countless others; and

WHEREAS, this attack was orchestrated by an individual intending to cause widespread harm, evidenced by his possession of weapons, ammunition, and further explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, Steve Neil, a dedicated security guard with Triumph Protection Group, was on duty at the courthouse during the attack and, upon witnessing the explosion, exhibited extraordinary composure, bravery, and selflessness in the face of imminent danger; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering resolve, Mr. Neil pursued the suspect as he attempted to flee the scene, chasing him to a vehicle where the suspect was attempting to retrieve more deadly weapons; and

WHEREAS, Steve Neil, physically intervened by pulling the suspect from the vehicle, placing him in a vulnerable position, and restraining him until law enforcement officers arrived to take him into custody; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neil's actions were not only swift but also decisive, preventing further attacks on law enforcement officers, judges, courthouse staff, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neil's distinguished career in security, his military service in the British Army during the volatile years of conflict in Northern Ireland, and his extensive training with Triumph Protection Group, contributed to his ability to act decisively in a moment of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Steve Neil has served the Santa Maria community and the courthouse faithfully for over 13 years, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to public safety and earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and those who frequent the courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and commend Steve Neil for his exceptional courage and heroism on September 25, 2024, at the Santa Maria Superior Courthouse. His actions stand as a testament to his bravery, professionalism, and dedication to the safety of our community, and he is recognized as a true hero.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of October, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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