



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING SHEILA LODGE  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY**

*WHEREAS, Sheila Lodge has dedicated over 24 years of public service as a city of Santa Barbara's Planning Commissioner and Council Member, and an impressive 12 years as the city's first woman and longest serving Mayor, leaving an indelible mark on the city's history; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheila has balanced an extraordinary public career with a rich personal life, serving as a wife, mother of four daughters, author, architect-in-training, painter, photographer, amateur geologist, courthouse docent, and gardener, while always advocating for preserving the unique charm of Santa Barbara since her arrival in 1952; and*

*WHEREAS, during her tenure, Sheila played a pivotal role in key developments, including the completion of Highway 101's freeway expansion, the construction of the Desalination Plant, the development of Paseo Nuevo, and the City's General Plan Update, which shaped Santa Barbara's growth while safeguarding its historic character; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheila has been a passionate protector of Santa Barbara's heritage, authoring Santa Barbara: An Uncommonplace American Town, advocating for thoughtful planning, and urging residents to stay involved to ensure the city retains its distinctive charm and community-centered identity; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheila Lodge's dedicated involvement included welcoming Queen Elizabeth II at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in 1983 to being a hands-on advocate for sustainable water use during droughts, becoming a docent at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, and exploring the San Andreas Fault through her love of geology, reflecting her lifelong passion for learning and service;*

**NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby recognize and honor Sheila Lodge for her unparalleled service, leadership, and enduring contributions to preserving the beauty, integrity, and community spirit of Santa Barbara.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of February 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.**



ATTEST: Mano Niyasath  
Clerk of the Board

Roy Lee  
Supervisor - 1st District  
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Supervisor - 2nd District  
Don Bahr  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
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Supervisor - 4th District  
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