

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
SONJA SOUTHWICK, ADMIN OFFICE PROFESSIONAL
FOR OVER 29 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

WHEREAS, Sonja Southwick graduated from Chaffey Junior College with a business degree and subsequently began her career in criminal justice with the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office. She was assigned to a new Deputy District Attorney Denise de Bellefeuille, who later became a judge for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Sonja met her husband, Tom Southwick, while working for San Bernardino County and they subsequently relocated to Santa Maria. She began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1985 as an Office Assistant Senior assigned to the Administration unit in Santa Maria. In 1986 Sonja left the Department briefly, during which time she gave birth to the lights of her life; Holly and Ryan. She returned to the Department in 1990 as an extra help Office Assistant; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2003 Sonja was hired as an Administrative Office Professional assigned to the Adult Unit, where she thrived as the "go-to" person for the unit, became a vital asset to the team, and passed her wealth of knowledge on by serving as a trainer and coach to the unit; and

WHEREAS, Sonja's tenure with the Department has spanned six Chiefs, which include, Alan Crogan, Sue Gionfriddo, Scott DeuPree, Patti Stewart, Beverly Taylor, and current Chief Guadalupe Rabago; and

WHEREAS, Sonja has served her fellow staff and the Probation Department in a commendable fashion; she is truly a fine person and an example for staff to follow; she is a credit to her profession. She looks forward to traveling with her husband, tending her garden, and transition to one of the greatest roles of a lifetime; becoming a grandmother; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Sonja Southwick for over 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department, and extend to her best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 24th day of March 2015 by the unanimous vote of all members present.