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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR CARMEN ESCALANTE,
SUNSHINE KAHN, MARIA GUERRERO, ADRIENNE VILLAMOR,
FRANCISCA VASQUEZ, PAULINE WONG, HELEN QUINTANA, AND SONYA HAIFI
EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, Legal Professional Carmen Escalante fielded as many inquiries as possible at the front desk rather than referring to coworkers, sent out expungement packets, and also assisted with some attorney updates, bench warrant and next court date letters, and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Kahn was invaluable handling almost all of the attorney updates, entering new cases from the DUI arraignments, preparing requests to calendar, assisting with writing up salmons in Department 9, and preparing next court date and bench warrant letters, and

WHEREAS, Legal Professional Maria Guerrero not only handled all the interpreting in court but also assisted her coworkers by fielding calls from Spanish-speaking clients and covering almost all interpreting in the office for the attorneys, and

WHEREAS, Adrienne Villamor helped out in the Treatment Court by running the daily calendar, filing, pulling files, and making runs to the clerk's office to file documents for her coworkers, and

WHEREAS, Legal Professional Francisca Vasquez who apart from keeping up with her already busy desk of data entry for new and continuing cases, assisted her coworkers by pulling files from various locations when they were going back to the arraignment court or another department, and

WHEREAS, Legal Professional Pauline Wong not only did a great job covering the Juvenile Office but also entered the "no-files" from the DUI arraignment calendar and assisted with proofing and formatting motions and writs from the Santa Maria downtown office, and

WHEREAS, Legal Professional Helen Quintana not only supported 6 attorneys over the past several months but also managed the busy Treatment Court desk and assisted when the supervisor was absent, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Sonya Haifi's work ethic set an example for all the staff members, she used proficiency and positive attitude to carry out the responsibilities of her supervisory position as well as supported 6 attorneys over the past several month, and maintained flexibility to the demands of the office and the needs of our clients, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors recognize and honor the Public Defender's Santa Maria Support Staff for their exceptional contribution to the community of Santa Barbara. This group worked as a team to keep the office running smoothly while 2 employees were on leave over a 5 month period while two employees were on leave without hiring additional staff.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Roard of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County this 12th day of October, 2010, by unanimous vote of the members present.

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