

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
COMMANDER MICHAEL DONNELLY  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

*WHEREAS, Michael Donnelly will be retiring from County service on Sunday, March 27, 2005, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Department for a period of over twelve and one half (12 ½) years, during which he served as Sheriff's Commander and;*

*WHEREAS, Michael Donnelly started his career of 34 years in law enforcement on February 1, 1971, and with Santa Barbara County on July 1, 1992, when he was absorbed from the Carpinteria Police Department as a Sheriff's Lieutenant. During his twelve and one half years of service, he has worked in various capacities, most notably as the Sheriff's Commander in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division, which oversees the Coroners Bureau, Forensics Bureau and Criminal Investigations Bureau.*

*WHEREAS, Michael Donnelly provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professional law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice, and;*

*WHEREAS, Michael Donnelly's leadership and guidance have contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department as well as the objectives of the county.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Michael Donnelly for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him and his wife, Tillie, continued good health and many years of happiness.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005, by unanimous vote of all members present.*