



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
CUSTODY DEPUTY SOPHIA ANN BENDELE  
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*WHEREAS, Sophia Bendele will be retiring from County service on Thursday, March 31, 2022, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Office for over 24 years, during which she served as a Sheriff's Corrections Officer and Custody Deputy; and*

*WHEREAS, Sophia Bendele started her career with Santa Barbara County on February 24, 1997, as a Juvenile Institution Officer with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department. On December 29, 1997, she became a Correction Officer with the Sheriff's Office. During her twenty-five years of service, she has worked in various assignments such as; Main Jail, Santa Maria Branch Jail, and Alternative Sentencing Bureau; and*

*WHEREAS, Sophia Bendele, throughout her career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Office positive leadership and professionalism; and*

*WHEREAS, Sophia Bendele provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating her life to the pursuit of justice; and*

*WHEREAS, Sophia Bendele's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as well as the objectives of the County.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors commends Sophia Bendele for her faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates her upon her retirement, and wishes her and her family, continued good health and many years of happiness.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 by unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

*Monica Reyesato*  
Clerk of the Board

*Pat Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Greg Hart*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Don Houten*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Bob Weber*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*G. Swain*  
Supervisor - 5th District