

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DENISE CLARK AND CLAUDIA ORNELAS **AUDITOR-CONTROLLER EMPLOYEES OF** THE MONTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY **MARCH 2006**

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WHEREAS, Denise Clark and Claudia Ornelas, members of the Property Tax Division of the Auditor-Controller Department have been selected to share the March 2006 Employee of the Month honors, and:

WHEREAS, property tax administration is a complex and difficult process that requires significant expertise, exacting precision, and relentless determination, and;

WHEREAS, property taxes are the largest source of discretionary revenues for the County and whose calculation and distribution effect the lives of all residents, and;

WHEREAS, these individuals working as a team annually prepare the tax rolls, generating a tax levy of property taxes, fixed charges and special assessments of approximately \$535,000,000 for fiscal year 2005-06, and;

WHEREAS, working under intricate and complicated rules these individuals accurately apportion the taxes collected to over 90 different taxing agencies and;

WHEREAS, annually hundreds of inquiries regarding property taxes from tax payers to taxing agencies to the public at large are promptly and politely addressed by these individuals, and;

WHEREAS, these outstanding employees demonstrating consistent dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism in the performance of their responsibilities, work closely together to assure that the multi-faceted needs of the tax payers, cities, schools, special districts and other taxing agencies, and the County and its residents are met in a timely, cheerful and positive fashion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes and honors DENISE CLARK and CLAUDIA ORNELAS as March 2006 Employees of the Month for their exceptional contributions and outstanding service to the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 7th day of March 2006, by unanimous vote of the

2nd District Supervisor ~ 3rd District

Supervisor / 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District