



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
FOR RORY O. MOORE  
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, JANUARY 2010

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Rory O. Moore born and raised in Southern California, received a Bachelor's Degree in Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, received a Master's Degree in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management, received his Juris Doctorate from the Santa Barbara College of Law, and was admitted into the State Bar of California in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Rory O. Moore lived and worked in Puerto Rico for several years and traveled extensively throughout Latin America, solidifying his Spanish-speaking ability; and

WHEREAS Rory O. Moore, having gained an awareness of the victimization of poverty and the virtue of advocating for those who would otherwise not be heard turned to the study of law, advocated for those who otherwise might not be heard, and represented indigent people before the courts; and

WHEREAS Rory O. Moore, worked as an Investigator for the Office of the Public Defender, County of Santa Barbara and worked on the investigation of a murder case which was ultimately dismissed after two juries could not reach a unanimous verdict; and

WHEREAS Rory O. Moore volunteered to represent Cuban Mariel Boatlift refugees who were unable to repatriate to Cuba, seeking relief from indefinite incarceration at the Lompoc Federal Prison; and

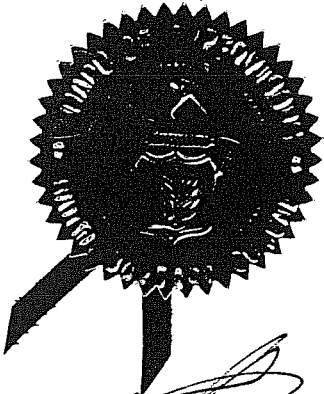
WHEREAS Rory O. Moore has served as a Deputy Public Defender for almost 25 years and has represented thousands of clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies, assisted mentally disabled clients and clients suffering from mental illness in conservatorship proceedings and writs of *habeas corpus*, helped children before the juvenile court, as well as parents seeking reunification with their children; and

WHEREAS Rory O. Moore was steadfast and dedicated to the interests and rights of his clients in his daily pursuit of justice and the primacy of the law, practicing with an exuberance and creativity that lifted his colleagues' spirits and regularly inspired them to never give up; and

WHEREAS Rory O. Moore will continue to support human rights and democracy as an election monitor in Colombia in 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors commend Rory O. Moore for his 25 years of committed public service and his contributions to the Office of the Public Defender as well as the County of Santa Barbara and congratulate him on a well deserved retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District