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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR ARGUELLO INC., WINNERS OF THE 2001 SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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**WHEREAS**, The County of Santa Barbara recognizes the benefits of safe and orderly exploration for, and production of oil and gas resources in the outer continental shelf oilfields near the county; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Minerals Management Service has jurisdiction over the oil and gas platforms operating in the outer continental shelf, administers their regulatory oversight through an inspection program, and in conjunction with that inspection program, operators of facilities in the outer continental shelf are graded and ranked based upon safety and environmental performance; and,

**WHEREAS**, Through their Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) award program, the Minerals Management Service periodically officially recognizes exemplary safety and environmental performance of operators; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Minerals Management Service has selected Arguello Inc. to receive a SAFE award for 2001 in conjunction with their operation of platforms Hidalgo, Harvest and Hermosa; and,

**WHEREAS**, As stated by the Minerals Management Service, "Arguello has maintained the highest safety ranking among all Pacific OCS operators over the past two years."; and,

**WHEREAS**, These facilities are part of the Point Arguello project, which involves some jurisdictional and permitting oversight by various agencies of Santa Barbara County in that the oil and gas produced from the platforms in the outer continental shelf flows via pipeline to the Gaviota Oil Heating Facility within the jurisdiction of Santa Barbara County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Arguello Inc. has a demonstrated track record of safe and environmentally sound operations which is a benefit to the County of Santa Barbara; is a good neighbor and is the type of company that Santa Barbara wants to have operating oilfield facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESLOVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognizes **ARGUELLO INC.** as an exemplary operation and congratulates them on winning the Minerals Management Service **2001 SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2002 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

*Naomi Schwartz*  
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Supervisor ~ 1st District

*James J. Rose*  
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Supervisor ~ 2nd District

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Supervisor ~ 3rd District

*Joni L. Gray*  
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Supervisor ~ 4th District

*Tom Urbaniak*  
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Supervisor ~ 5th District