

County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CAREER OF CAREY MCKINNON AT THE SOLVANG, SANTA YNEZ, AND LOS OLIVOS LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, Carey McKinnon served as Branch Supervisor of the Solvang, Santa Ynez, and Los Olivos libraries for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, During her time as Branch Supervisor for these three libraries, Carey guided them through a period of significant growth, which included the expansion of the internet and digital exchange of books and other library materials, as well as expanded public engagement; and

WHEREAS, Carey was instrumental in partnering with community groups to create learning programs, such as Story Time and family-focused activities, lectures on natural history and other topics, and an online children's book club during the COVID pandemic, Community Reads, and Read Aloud events; and

WHEREAS, Under Carey's leadership, the Solvang Library served as much more than a place to simply find books; it also served as a community hub – providing access to online resources for those who otherwise would not have such access, offering a safe space for children and families to explore and learn, serving as a cooling location for those vulnerable to extreme heat, and supporting the community during the COVID pandemic by acting as a test-kit and mask distribution site and providing children's learning activities that could be done at home during "distancing"; and

WHEREAS, In her retirement Carey remains an active leader in the community, volunteering and organizing at the Santa Ynez Valley Grange, where she helps to achieve its mission of fostering fellowship and goodwill in our diverse communities through cultural, educational and social activities, supporting sustainable agriculture, and preserving the character and historical significance of the Grange building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge Carey McKinnon for her many years of service to the Santa Ynez Valley community as a head librarian, Grange leader, and community volunteer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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