

***RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND MARK ASMAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

WHEREAS, Reverend Mark Asman is retiring from Trinity Episcopal Church where he has been a voice for peace, social justice and a more welcoming and inclusive community since 1994; and

WHEREAS, under Reverend Asman's leadership, Trinity Episcopal Church parish has grown from 150 members to over 750 members, who truly embody God's Gospel of love and justice; and

WHEREAS, As an openly gay priest, Reverend Asman has been a tireless advocate for equal rights for the LGBTQ community and fostered a faith community that is committed to community service, especially for those who have been marginalized, including the poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Asman is well known in the community as a change agent, activist and community leader and has received numerous awards and recognitions for his years of dedicated service in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Asman was made Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, Los Angeles, by Bishop Bruno, for service to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and the Larger World and was recently honored with an invitation from U.S. Representative Lois Capps to attend the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Asman has contributed to many organizations that promote equality and build community, including his service on the Board of Directors of Casa Esperanza for over 15 years, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), Pacific Pride Foundation and Planned Parenthood for Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Reverend Mark Asman upon his retirement from Trinity Episcopal Church and further commends him for his decades of promoting peace and equality for all residents of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of April, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.