

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
BRETT J. KOHLER SENIOR DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER  
FOR OVER 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**WHEREAS**, Brett J. Kohler was born in Redondo Beach, California, was raised in Virginia for two years, then returned to San Diego, California as a teen. He relocated to the Santa Barbara County where he attended and graduated from the University California Santa Barbara in 1993 with a dual Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology. He was subsequently hired by the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as an Extra Help Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO) in 1991 working at Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC); and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 he was hired as a fulltime JIO and initially worked at LPBC and was transferred a short time later to the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. He rose through the ranks ultimately being promoted to Supervising JIO which was subsequently reclassified as a Senior Deputy Probation Officer (Sr. DPO); and

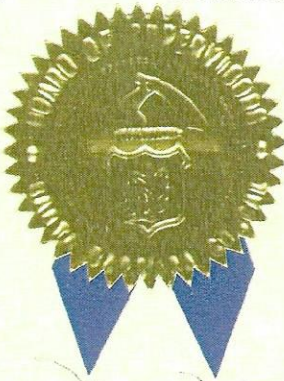
**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, Sr. DPO Kohler worked at all the Juvenile Detention facilities within the Institutions Division of the Department and interacted with numerous officers and youth, many of which have benefitted from his passion of effecting change. Additionally, he mentored and trained many JIOs positively impacting their professional development; and

**WHEREAS**, Sr. DPO Kohler received several accolades during his career, receiving: accommodation for mutual aid with the 1995 Santa Barbara Flood; accommodation for mutual aid with the 2008 GAP Fire; 2008 Specialty Services Staff of the Year, and 2010 California Association of Probation Institution Administrators, Santa Barbara County Supervisor Meritorious Service Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Sr. DPO Kohler is looking forward to spending time with his wife Rhonda and son Ryan and spending more time playing soccer, he will be relocating to Wisconsin where he plans to make many new memories with his family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED**, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Brett J. Kohler for over 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, and extend to him best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April by the unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:** *Monica Hays*  
Clerk of the Board

*Das Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Greg Hart*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Ken Hahn*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Bob Weber*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
*St. Jensen*  
Supervisor - 5th District