COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL GUSTAVO E. "WOODY" LAVAYEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL

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WHEREAS, Senior Deputy County Counsel Gustavo Enrique "Woody" Lavayen has been appointed by the Governor to be a judge of the Santa Barbara Superior Court; and,

WHEREAS, his appointment to the Bench is the culmination of, and fitting end to, nearly thirty years of distinguished employment with the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lavayen began his career with the County in 1985 as a Deputy District Attorney, but after five years had demonstrated such exceptional legal abilities that County Counsel lured him away in 1990; and,
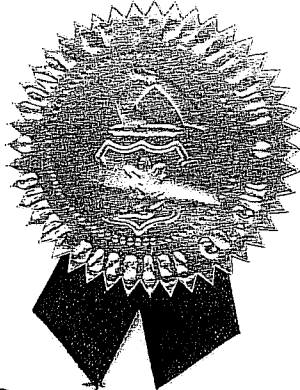
WHEREAS, since 1990 Mr. Lavayen has performed an additional twenty-four years of dedicated public service in the Office of County Counsel, where he has consistently provided sound legal advice and faithful representation to many County departments and elected officials, including his most recent service as counsel to the Civil Service Commission, District Attorney, Elections, Probation, Treasurer, and Child Welfare Services; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lavayen's career has been remarkable not only for the professional skills that have enabled his rise through the legal world, but equally for the irrepressible sense of humor and good nature that have won him the friendship and admiration of clients and colleagues alike; and,

WHEREAS, County Counsel's loss is the judiciary's gain, as "Woody" will now continue his public service as "Judge Lavayen";

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Gustavo E. "Woody" Lavayen for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement from County service and appointment to the Bench, and wishes him continued good health and success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 6th day of January, 2015 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District