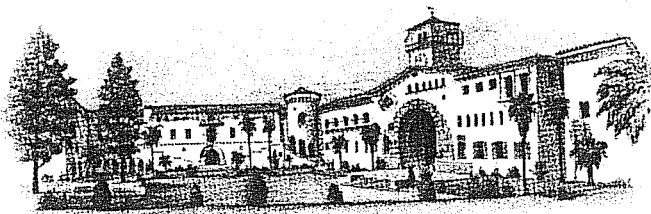


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION)
 IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH)
 ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA BARBARA)
 COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, JUNE 2009)

WHEREAS in 1963 the United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled in *Gideon v. Wainwright* that state courts are required under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution to provide counsel in criminal cases for defendants unable to afford their own attorneys; and

WHEREAS the Office of the Public Defender of Santa Barbara County was created in 1969 to provide legal representation fulfilling that constitutional mandate and has delivered the highest standard of representation; and

WHEREAS for 40 years the dedicated staff of attorneys, investigators, and support personnel have carried out the mission of the Office of providing zealous and professional legal representation of the highest quality to all clients; and

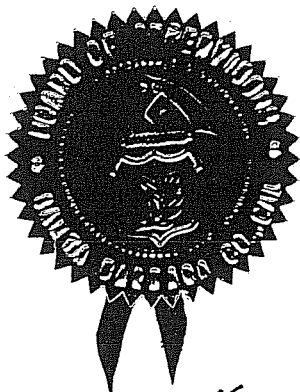
WHEREAS the Office of the Public Defender currently represents clients charged with adult felony and misdemeanor crimes, juvenile felony and misdemeanor petitions, conservatorship petitions, contempt hearings and civil proceedings; handling a caseload of approximately 23,000 cases per year with a staff of 33 attorneys, 7 investigators, 3 investigator assistants, 11 legal secretaries, 2 social workers, 2 receptionists, 2 interpreters, 2 data entry operators, 1 paralegal, 1 business manager, 1 computer systems specialist, and 1 account clerk; and

WHEREAS during this time the Office of the Public Defender has found ways to better serve this County and its clients; for example, this office was the first public defender office in the State of California to hire a woman as an Assistant Public Defender and as a Chief Investigator, establishing a standard emulated by public defender offices throughout the state; and currently the office continues this tradition by being a collaborative partner in the policy making and implementation of the programs of the Therapeutic Courts helping to break the cycle of addiction, mental illness, and incarceration, and assisting those individuals in becoming productive members of the community thereby increasing public safety; and

WHEREAS to date, the Public Defender's Office has represented over half a million of our County's residents, helping us fulfill the commitment of providing equal justice under the law for all; and as the Office works to provide effective, vigorous, and loyal advocacy and legal services to those persons who qualify for assistance complying with statutory and case law and the rules of professional conduct in performing such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors takes immense pleasure in congratulating the Office of the Public Defender of Santa Barbara County and its dedicated staff on providing 40 years of first class service to its clients and the community, and in recognition of this milestone **DECLARE THE WEEK OF JUNE 1 THROUGH 7, 2009 PUBLIC DEFENDER WEEK** in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 2nd day of June, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District