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WHEREAS, the week of May 7th through May 13th represents a period where Correctional Officers across the United States are recognized for their dedication and heroism to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Custody Branch – consisting of the South County Main Jail Operations, Northern Branch Jail Operations, Resources Bureau, Health Services Bureau, Transportation Bureau, Inmate Programs Bureau, and the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) – are highly regarded professionals working in conjunction with other local criminal justice and public safety entities; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, the Sheriff's Office and this Board recognized the need to create a Sheriff's Correction Officer rank structure that would best serve the duties of a correctional officer specifically trained in the unique needs of detention facilities responsible for the housing, security, and transportation of all immates incarcerated in Santa Barbara County who are awaiting trial, serving their sentence in our county jails or awaiting their transfer to State Prison; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the fourth National Correctional Officers Week during the Covid-19 pandemic in the United States. Correction Officers reporting for duty in a 24/7 facility facing the demands of an ever-increasing overcrowded jail system and the additional needs brought on by the nationwide public health safety, all the while maintaining order, security and preserving the care, custody, and the dignity of those individuals charged with their care; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Barbara County can rest assured that these men and women are dedicated to their service and perform their duties professionally and ethically while displaying integrity, courage, and fairness, thus ensuring the safety of the community, their fellow officers, and incarcerated individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of May 7-13, 2023, as "National Correctional Officers Week" and takes this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office who have chosen the field of Corrections as their service to our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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