

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE THOMAS ADAMS A 2013 LEGAL AID RICHARD GOLDMAN HEROES FOR JUSTICE RECIPIENT CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge Thomas Adams has been honored as a Richard Goldman Hero for Justice in recognition of his commitment to ensuring justice for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County strives to ensure that low income persons, those with disabilities, and seniors have access to the civil justice system and established the Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Award in recognition of the enduring contribution of the late Richard Goldman to "justice for all"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Adams became the first Commissioner of the Santa Barbara Municipal Court in 1976, was appointed to the Santa Barbara Superior Court by Governor Jerry Brown in 1982 and became the first recipient of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association's "Distinguished Service Award" for outstanding judicial service in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Judge Adams was twice honored as the recipient of the "Justice Award" by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara as the "community leader that has changed the world, one child, one community at a time", and has also received the Rotary International "Honorary Paul Harris Award", which is the highest award given to a non-Rotarian for outstanding public service; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Adams has made extraordinary lasting contributions to the Santa Barbara community by initiating or founding several successful and innovative programs within the court including: Santa Barbara Teen Court, Children In The Middle, Superior Court CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the Juvenile Drug Court And Juvenile Clean & Sober Programs, all of which continue to greatly enhance the lives of young people in the Santa Barbara community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Superior Court Judge Thomas Adams as a Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Recipient and further commends his hard work and dedication to empowering the most vulnerable population.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14 day of May, 2013 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Chandre Idellar

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