

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER EDWIN CRAIG HAMLIN, PH.D.

Whereas, Edwin Craig Hamlin was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, graduated from Westmont College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology; Craig subsequently earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration in Administration of Justice, obtained a Community College Teaching Credential, and earned his Ph.D. in Sociology in 1994, having completed his Dissertation on California Street Gangs; and

Whereas, Craig entered public service in the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1971 as a student intern in the original Special Supervision Unit working with juvenile and adult offenders; he soon converted to Extra-Help status and was appointed full time in 1973 to Deputy Probation Officer in Santa Maria; Officer Hamlin subsequently promoted to Senior Deputy Probation Officer at Camino Segundo Counseling and Education Center, Delinquency Prevention Officer, Supervising Probation Officer, Division Chief, and Deputy Chief Probation Officer, a position he has held with distinction since 1988; and

Whereas, Deputy Chief Hamlin has served Santa Barbara County admirably in each of his assignments and has consistently been honored and recognized for his initiative and innovation; he has been known for coordinating, developing, and implementing numerous grant projects which include the first Probation K-9 Drug Detection Program in the United States, the renovation of Los Prietos Boys' Camp and development of Tri-County Boot Camp, the Substance Abuse Treatment Court, the Mentally Ill Offender Program, and the "Compression Gang Project", further, Deputy Chief Hamlin has increased the effective use of local tax dollars by organizing Adult Division Officers into neighborhood supervision teams, and developing the 2001 CSAC Challenge Award winning "Community Supervision University Program" in partnership with Allan Hancock College; and

Whereas, Deputy Chief Hamlin has proudly served the Probation profession Statewide by teaching Board of Corrections certified classes to all levels of Probation professionals for over twenty years, including mandated Managers core curriculum; his legacy includes numerous articles published in various correctional journals; and

Whereas, above all else, Edwin C. Hamlin is most dedicated to his wife, Jenny, and their two sons, Matthew and Daniel, who have enjoyed his coaching in baseball and basketball and his continued passion for fishing and surfing; Craig's record of loyalty, professionalism, excellence, and dedicated service to the Santa Barbara County Probation Department for thirty-one years personifies a "tax-payers dream", and justifies his "termination of probation" as he retires from County service and transcends to his "next calling" as Pastor of Coast Valley Worship Center, wherein he will continue his commitment to helping people.

Now, Therefore, Be it Hereby Ordered and Resolved, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Edwin Craig Hamlin for his outstanding contributions to the County of Santa Barbara and the Community Corrections profession.

Passed and adopted this 10th day of December, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California etc.....