



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER JIM LAPONIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis will be retiring from County service on Friday, October 5, 2007, having faithfully served the Citizens of the County of Santa Barbara for more than thirty-two (32) years, during which he served as Deputy County Executive Officer for the past twenty-one (21) years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis started with the County of Santa Barbara in 1975 as the Business Manager for the Parks Department and continued his outstanding career working as an analyst for the District Attorney's Office, the Human Resources Department, the County Executive Office, as well as the Interim Director for the Public Health Department and Administrative Officer for the Santa Barbara County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis, throughout his career, faithfully provided professional service, inspiration and leadership to employees of the County while working to provide for the health, safety, protection and well-being of the citizens of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis was a principal in establishing the County's first foul weather shelter for the homeless; the first AIDS education awareness program, the first comprehensive pandemic flu preparedness plan, the first flood control benefit assessment program, and the first office of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis further distinguished his government career by serving as the Director of Emergency Services during times of fire, flood and other emergencies; developing the contract for the countywide Emergency Medical Services program; consolidating South Coast court jurisdictions into the Santa Barbara Municipal Court system; and orchestrating numerous County budgets that provide for priority community needs with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, Jim Laponis has diligently carried out his responsibilities with ability, humanity, humility, humor and grace to achieve these important goals and programs while serving under six County Administrators and/or County Executive Officers and dozens of County Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Jim Laponis for his faithful, loyal and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him and his wife, Linda, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this September 25, 2007, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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