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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
MICHAEL F. CLEARY, PROBATION MANAGER,
FOR 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Michael Cleary was born to Frank J. and Frances N. Cleary in San Francisco, California, and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1977 and then pursued his Master's Degree in Counseling and Education from Fresno State. Prior to joining the Probation Department, Mike worked for Ventura County and Madera County Probation Departments; and

WHEREAS, Mike began his career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1981 as a Deputy Probation Officer II in Adult Supervision in Santa Maria. Mike was promoted in 1987 to Probation Institutions Supervisor (PIS) at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH); transferred to the Adult Medium Supervision Unit as a Supervising Probation Officer and in 1999, resumed his PIS duties at the SMJH where he played a pivotal role in the SMJH Expansion Project and the development of facility programming for and operations of the Susan J. Gionfriddo Juvenile Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, Mike's most recent promotion in 2006, was to Probation Manager assigned to the County-operated, 24-hour treatment facility for 75 wards in the Los Prietos Boys Camp/Academy Programs. In this position, Mike excelled in directing the staff in the operations of both programs; and

WHEREAS, Mike continues to be a source of inspiration to all; he embodies energy and vigor, and has not lost one ounce of passion for the job he began in 1981. Common threads woven throughout Mike's 26 year career are his commitment, dependability and selfless acts of good will. He has been described as one of those quiet employees who does his work efficiently and with high quality, but with low visibility. Over the course of his career with the Department, Mike has received numerous letters of commendation and recognition. Mike not only received the Bull Dog Award in 1993 for his tenacity, problem-solving abilities, and dedication, but received the Chief Probation Officer's Award for outstanding performance, leadership, and dedication in 2004; in 2005 Mike received the Southern California Region's Meritorious Service Award for Supervisor from the California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (C.A.P.I.A.); and in 2007 he and colleagues received the STAR award for the "Brilliant Execution and Successful Evacuation of the Wards at the Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy"; and

WHEREAS, the Department will miss Mike's professionalism, dedication, support, and exemplary work ethic and wishes him well as he begins his retirement in order to spend more time with his devoted wife Sandy and his son, Michael, Jr., and daughter, Jenna; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Michael F. Cleary for 26 years of outstanding dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department and wishes him many happy years in retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 18th day of March 2008 by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District