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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR PETER ASHTON DULLEA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, JANUARY 2009 ) CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea grew up in Santa Barbara County, attended the Laguna Blanca School, Santa Barbara City College and the University of California at Santa Barbara and in 1971, after distinguishing himself as an actor in numerous roles, graduated from UCSB with a Bachelor of Arts in Drama;

**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea attended Western State University College of Law and California Western School of Law serving as an editor of the International Law Journal, practicing indigent criminal defense under the Law Student Practice Act, and graduating with a Juris Doctor degree in 1977;

**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea began his life of service as a criminal defense attorney for citizens accused as a Riverside County Deputy Defender in 1977 and in Santa Barbara County in 1981;

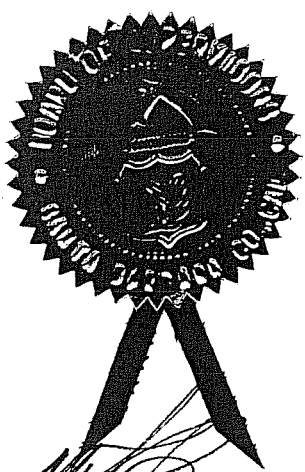
**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea was honored with the Public Defender's Office Attorney of the Year Award in 1997 for his superior efforts in defending those charged with the most serious offenses;

**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea came to realize that although his profession was one of adversarial relationships, collaboration and a therapeutic approach were often in his client's best interests, he dedicated himself to drug court, mental health court and assisting parents who faced neglect and abuse allegations working with them to reunite families;

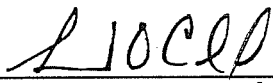
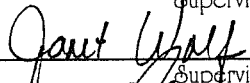
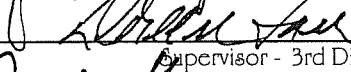
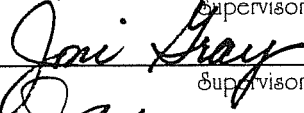

**WHEREAS** Peter Ashton Dullea suffered his entire career from an impaired ability to maintain an organized office but once in a courtroom he could recite case law from memory, argue complex legal issues, and present his client's defense to juries in a manner that reduced complicated legal concepts to common sense;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors commend **PETER ASHTON DULLEA** for his 20 years of committed public service and his dedication to the Public Defender's Office, and its clients, as well as his contributions to the County of Santa Barbara and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board

  
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