



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES J. RAGGIO III
LOMPOC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MAN OF THE YEAR 2012**

WHEREAS, James Joseph Raggio III was born in San Francisco, California. He attended Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and Laboratory Technology School at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. He received his Masters Degree in Hospital Administration at Chapman College; and,

WHEREAS, after acquiring his degree in 1980, Jim ventured out into the work world. He traveled up and down the West Coast looking for a job in his chosen field of Laboratory Technician in a hospital with no luck; but he had bypassed Lompoc because it was off the beaten path. Then by chance he ran into an old acquaintance, Frank Signorelli at a wedding in Los Angeles. Frank, being on the Lompoc Hospital Board told Jim they were looking for a Lab Manager and suggested he apply. He did, and the rest is history. Jim and his wife Barbara settled in Lompoc and raised their 3 children; and,

WHEREAS, Jim worked 10 years at Lompoc Hospital, then in 1990 took a position as Administrator of Lompoc Valley Medical Center. In 1999 the Board of Directors of the Lompoc Healthcare District appointed Jim as Chief Executive Officer of the Lompoc Healthcare District where he has remained since; and,

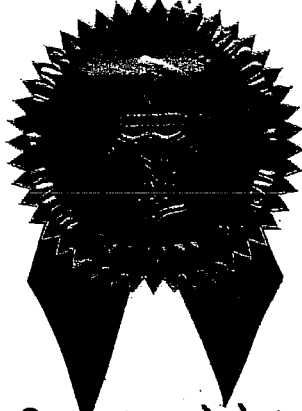
WHEREAS, since Jim moved to Lompoc, this community has been the fortunate recipient of his many volunteer activities. One of the first things Jim did was to join the Italian Catholic Federation. Jim has held many offices in the organization including President, Secretary and Orator. He co-chaired several Festivals to raise money for La Purisima Church and School. Jim served on the Parish Council for the Church and represented the local branch at conventions, district meetings and Archbishop Day celebrations in the Los Angeles area. He also is involved at the church in preparing and serving meals to the homeless and needy on the fourth Friday of each month; and,

WHEREAS, Jim has also served on the YMCA Board, the Board of Directors of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lompoc Water Commission, the board of the Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association and has served as "Den Mother" for a local Boy Scout pack. Jim is a member of the Rotary Club of Lompoc Valley and the Lompoc Hospital District Foundation where he assists with the annual golf tournament, Walk-a-thon and Holiday Home Tour. Jim has over 32 years of collective service to healthcare organizations including Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Santa Barbara County Health Authority, Beta Healthcare Group, the Hospital Association of California, the Central California Regional Health Authority and as CEO of the Lompoc Healthcare District Jim guided the District through the process of planning and constructing a new, state-of-the-art district hospital in Lompoc. He brought the project in on time and on budget; and,

WHEREAS, Jim graciously opens his home to host charity events, he gives time and financial support to many local charities, causes and service organizations and they have benefitted greatly from his leadership and community support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE BY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes **JAMES J. RAGGIO III** for his hard work, dedication and his generous contributions to the Lompoc Valley Community and honors him for being chosen as the **LOMPOC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2012**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14th day of August, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Laloran
Clerk of the Board

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