



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING WENDY MOTTA
UPON HER RETIREMENT AND A REMARKABLE
LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Wendy Motta was born in Santa Barbara, the youngest child of Marie and Harold Haider, attended local public schools, including San Marcos High School, from which she graduated in 1997, and she went on to earn an Associate in Arts degree in business management from Santa Barbara City College in 1981 and attended the University of California, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Motta began her public service career in 1990, working as the Administrative Secretary to Santa Barbara County Deputy Administrator Jim Laponis, and later that year, as the Administrative Secretary for the Honorable Gloria Ochoa, First District Supervisor of Santa Barbara County, and Mr. Eduardo Hernandez, the Supervisor's Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Motta's journey in public service spans decades, including most recently serving in the office of Congressman Salud Carbajal, and in the offices of Congresswoman Lois Capps and State Senator Jack O'Connell; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has demonstrated an exceptional ability to address the diverse needs of constituents, tackling crucial issues ranging from agriculture and veterans' affairs to infrastructure and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, one of Wendy's most remarkable contributions has been her dedicated work in responding to natural disasters and emergencies. Her leadership during those challenging times provided solace and support to our community, showcasing her resilience and dedication to the well-being of the people she served; and

WHEREAS, Wendy's proactive approach and swift response in times of crisis set a standard of excellence for public service; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Motta is the epitome of a devoted family member. Married to Silvio Motta, she has been a loving partner and a source of strength for her family. Wendy and Silvio have been blessed with two wonderful children, Caio and Carina, who undoubtedly have been inspired by their mother's commitment to public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors acknowledges Wendy Motta's selfless contributions to the well-being of our community and expresses our deepest appreciation for her years of dedicated service. May her retirement be filled with the same warmth and kindness she has bestowed upon us throughout her illustrious career.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 2nd day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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