



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION OF MONA BAKER, UPON HER RETIREMENT

*WHEREAS, Mona Baker began her career in 1977 with the County Welfare Department as an Eligibility Worker in the Medi-Cal Program and is concluding her career by serving the past 31 years as a Division Manager for the Department of Social Services; and*

*WHEREAS, over these 40 years there have been many changes above and beyond, and much more significant, than the name of the department; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout these changes, Mona has been steadfast in her dedication to the clients and staff of Social Services; and*

*WHEREAS, Mona has always done her utmost to support staff in advancing their education, professional skills and careers with the County, including hiring, mentoring, supervising and counseling scores of employees who have successfully promoted throughout the Department over her career;*

*WHERE AS, Mona endured working for approximately eight directors, and an estimated twelve supervisors and survived the many nuances of each; and*

*WHEREAS, Mona oversaw northern Santa Barbara County DSS facility management including planning, furnishing and moving of multiple DSS offices in Santa Maria from Morrison to Betteravia to the Workforce Resource Center, as well as I Street and Flower Valley locations in Lompoc, both flawlessly and without incurring a nervous breakdown;*

*WHEREAS, Mona has been primarily responsible for the coordination of the countywide Workforce Resource Centers and Consortium of Partner Agencies, serving the county's business community, training providers and job seekers, and managing the Workforce Investment Act/Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act (WIA/WIOA) staff for the last 16 years of her career, after years managing the full array of Income Maintenance programs for DSS;*

*WHERE AS, Mona capably and skillfully negotiated leases for facility space with owners as well as with the many overly complicated and slow moving leases with the State of California in both Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, ensuring the most favorable outcomes for the County; and*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Mona Baker for her 40 years of exemplary service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the employees of the Department of Social Services;

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 24th day of January 2017, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Mona Negrete*  
Clerk of the Board

*Bob Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District  
*Janet Wolf*  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Donna Hartman*  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Pete L. Allen*  
Supervisor - 4th District  
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