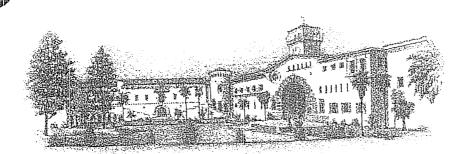
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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## IN THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF FIRE CAPTAIN ELI ISKOW On March 23, 2009

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WHEREAS Eli Iskow began his career in the fire service on February 2, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Captain Iskow was promoted to Fire Engineer/Inspector on April 26, 2004, and promoted to Fire Captain on October 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Captain Iskow was designated the Fire Department's Public Information Officer on February 26, 2007 and consequently became the department's spokesperson to television and newspaper media as well as community members at public town meetings held to describe wildfires and house fires, and any other newsworthy response of the Fire Department in order to educate the public and provide safety lessons to mitigate future disasters; and

WHEREAS During the Zaca Fire and the Gap Fire, he served his department and his community in exemplary fashion by elucidating the intricacies of wildfire combat in our urban interface and by creating integrity and transparency in his everyday interactions with reporters, citizens, public servants and visitors from as far away as Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Captain Eli Iskow received highest honor we can give, the Medal of Valor Award, for his unselfish and courageous March 26, 1992 rescue of a citizen who had fallen down an 80' shaft; and

WHEREAS, Captain Iskow will be sorely missed because he always shares the best coffee and the darkest chocolate with the headquarters staff,

## THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS

That Captain Eli Iskow be honored on the occasion of his retirement, commended for his superior record of dedicated fire service and protection, and extended the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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