

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF BOB KIRBY FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LOCAL MARITIME HISTORY

WHEREAS, Bob Kirby was awarded with the NOGI Award by the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences (AUAS) in November 2015; and

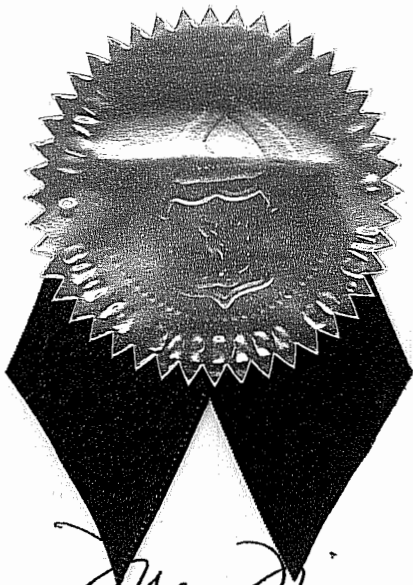
WHEREAS, Bob was a U.S. Navy diver who moved to Santa Barbara in the 1950s to become an abalone diver. The consummate tinkerer and a master welder, he soon gave up diving and began to manufacture commercial diving helmets; and

WHEREAS, he partnered with Bev Morgan in 1965 (50 years ago) and together they built the Kirby-Morgan Commercial Air and helium re-circulator helmets here in Santa Barbara. Kirby Morgan Dive Systems, Inc. still has an office on Garden Street in Santa Barbara and an assembly plant in Santa Maria. Through reputation alone (they do not have any sales staff), they are the leader in their industry, manufacturing well over two-thirds of the commercial/military helmets sold throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, AUAS is an international, multi-discipline, nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing pioneers and leaders who have had a global impact on the exploration, enjoyment, safety, and preservation of the underwater world. The NOGI Award is bestowed on exceptional people for their contributions to diving each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Bob Kirby for receiving the NOGI Award and thanks him for his contributions to our local maritime history.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of January, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

Local

Supervisor - 1st District
Janet W...

Supervisor - 2nd District
Robert...

Supervisor - 3rd District
John...

Supervisor - 4th District
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Supervisor - 5th District