



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING BRIAN GILBERT FOR 24 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Brian Gilbert began his career with the Santa Barbara County General Services Department on July 12, 1999 as an Accountant II. He transferred to Public Works in October 2008 and became a Team Project Leader, serving as a Senior Account for the Transportation Division since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, over his career, Mr. Gilbert helped usher internal processes out of what he calls “the Dark Ages” and into more modern, technology driven practices which cut down on staff time and reduced paper waste; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to training project managers and other staff on cost accounting and grant compliance and reporting, Mr. Gilbert has been instrumental on the fiscal side of the Transportation Division’s response to numerous local, state, and federally declared emergencies, including fires, floods, and debris flows; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gilbert has an encyclopedic memory with an eagle eye to sift through excel spreadsheets to assist the Division in making financially responsible decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gilbert has a knack for telling jokes, an astounding ability to hold full conversations spoken exclusively in metaphor, and does an uncanny Donald Duck impression; and

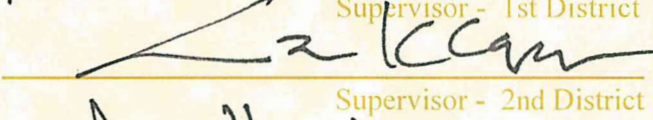
**WHEREAS**, after twenty-four years of faithful public service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, Mr. Gilbert retired on March 31, 2024, freeing up his time to work on the car out, pick up his guitar again, and cook elaborate gourmet meals with his wife, Joella.

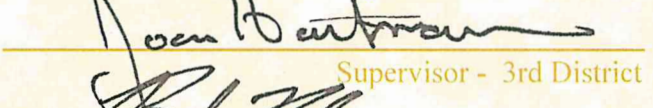
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara commends and thanks Mr. Gilbert for his 24 years of dedicated service to the County and wishes him and his family the best in his retirement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



  
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ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board