

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SUZANNE DIERINGER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, NOVEMBER 2008

## **CALIFORNIA**

ervisor - 4th District

5th District

WHEREAS, Suzanne Dieringer is awarded the County employee of the Month Award for her dedication and excellence in the rehabilitation of Public Defender clients, and

WHEREAS, Suzanne came to the Public Defender's Office on September 15, 2003 with a Masters Degree in psychology, and decades of experience as a clinician and treatment counselor for the drug and alcohol addicted and the mentally ill, and

WHEREAS, Suzanne set about integrating the criminal court system with the mental health and substance abuse recovery community of Santa Barbara, and

WHEREAS, Suzanne's vision, intellect, skills and initiative have accelerated the treatment of addicts, alcoholics, mentally ill and dually diagnosed defendants within the Treatment Courts of our County and profoundly altered the Criminal Justice System in the process, and

WHEREAS, in the past five years Suzanne has worked on over 1300 cases in our County's Therapeutic Treatment Courts as well as hundreds of other cases, and has successfully placed over 400 clients in residential treatment bringing positive change to them, their families, and our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors recognize and honor Suzanne Dieringer for her exceptional contribution to the community of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County this 4th day of November, 2008, by unanimous vote of the members present.

Supervisor

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