



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR PENNYE SASAKI-BENDA, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Penny Sasaki-Benda retired from public service on January 6, 2017 after twenty-two years of service. Penny began her career as a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dispatcher in April, 1993, progressing in her career to a Dispatch Training Officer and promoting to Dispatch Supervisor in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Penny Sasaki-Benda was certified as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher in 2002 and has provided pre-arrival medical instructions and life-saving care to hundreds of emergency callers since then. Penny was recognized by the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Service Agency for providing CPR instructions on three separate occasions in 2015 that resulted in three lives saved; and

WHEREAS, Penny Sasaki-Benda trained as a Tactical Dispatcher in 2010 and responded with the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team on several critical incidents to provide Tactical Dispatch support; and

WHEREAS, Penny Sasaki-Benda has received numerous commendations for her exemplary service, knowledge and professionalism from user agencies, as well as her peers and supervisors. In 1994 she was voted "Dispatcher of the Year" by her peers, and in 2016 she was awarded the National Law and Order Individual Award from the Military Order of the World Wars for her consistent and outstanding performance as a Communications Dispatcher Supervisor and for the three Emergency Medical Dispatching CPR saves in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Penny Sasaki-Benda's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office as well as the objectives of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Penny Sasaki-Benda for her dedication, loyalty and excellence in her service to the Sheriff's Office and the County of Santa Barbara, congratulates her upon her retirement, and wishes her, and her family, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 14th day of March by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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