RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DEPUTY RACHEL IKOLA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Rachel Ikola will be retiring from County service on Sunday, March 23, 2008, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Department for a period of over thirty (30) years, during which she served as a dedicated Sheriff's Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Ikola started her career with Santa Barbara County on June 27, 1977, as a Corrections Officer. In January of 1979, she was promoted to the classification of Deputy Sheriff. During her thirty years of service, she has worked in various capacities including Patrol Deputy, Senior Deputy, and Field Training Officer; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Ikola, throughout her career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Department positive leadership and professionalism, receiving numerous commendations, including the Thomas H. Guerry award for the saving of a life of a suicidal subject; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Ikola provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating her life to the pursuit of justice; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Ikola's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department as well as the objectives of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Rachel Ikola for her faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates her upon her retirement and wishes her and her husband, Wayne, continued good health and many years of happiness.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.