

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR R. THOMAS ALLEN
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, OCTOBER 2009

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1961; California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1965, and Humphrey's College, School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree in 1970; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen was admitted to the State Bar of California on January 15, 1970, admitted to practice in the Eastern District Federal Courts in 1970; the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1973; the United States Supreme Court in 1974; and the Central District Federal Court in 1977; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen has devoted 39 years to the practice of law thus far; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen received the following professional appointments: 1973 - Select Committee on Law Enforcement Problems (Steering Committee for Governor Ronald Reagan); 1974 - Project Safer California, appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan; 1974-1978 Commissioner, California Commission on Uniform State Laws; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen is committed to his community and has been involved in the following activities: Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees where he served for many years as a Trustee and was the Board President; 1983-Director, Board of Directors, Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce; 1984-President of Rotary Club; and

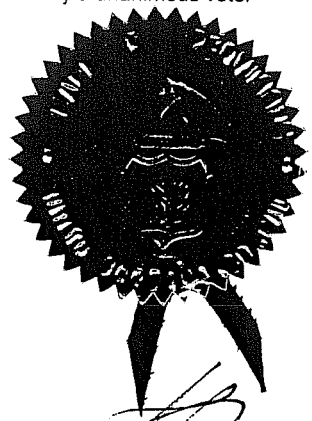
WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen joined the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's office in 1989, working for the last 20 years defending clients charged with the most serious offenses, including those subject to the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen has gained a reputation as an imaginative lawyer, known in the office as "Don Quixote" for his innovative approach to trials, tilting at the windmill, always charging ahead against the odds and obtaining exceptional outcomes for his clients; and

WHEREAS, R. Thomas Allen is the proud father of four children, Erin, Todd, Zackary and Mickayla who have all shared time with the Public Defender's Office extended family watching their dad play bocchi ball and softball at Nojoqui Falls State Park, fishing at Lake Cachuma and the many gatherings at Refugio State Beach;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors commend R. Thomas Allen for his 39 years of committed public service and his dedication to the Public Defender's Office, and its clients, as well as his contributions to the County of Santa Barbara and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 8th day of December, 2009 by a unanimous vote.



ATTEST:

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Supervisor - 1st District

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