

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER, SENIOR HELEN MARIE DIAZ-SEPULVEDA

WHEREAS, Helen Marie Diaz-Sepulveda was born in San Bernardino, California and graduated from California State College, San Bernardino in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and received her teaching credential from the same college in 1972. She entered public service in 1974 as a Group Counselor at the San Bernardino County Juvenile Hall; and

WHEREAS, Helen Marie Diaz-Sepulveda began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1985 as an Extra-Help Group Counselor and in 1986 was granted permanent status as a full-time Group Counselor at the Camino Segundo Counseling and Education Center. In 1989 she was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in the Adult Investigations Unit and was transferred to the Adult Supervision Unit in 1991, where she earned the nickname 'Hawkeye' for her keen ability to see beyond what high-risk offenders living in Santa Maria were trying to hide. In 1995 she was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer, Senior. Her assignment to a 'specialty caseload' allowed her to focus on domestic violence perpetrators and victims, a position which she has held with distinction since 2000; and

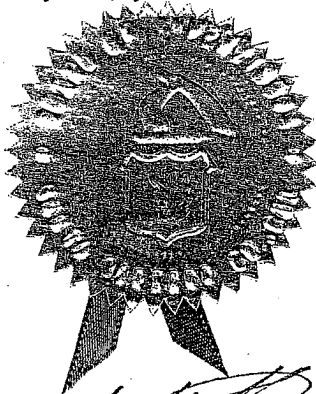
WHEREAS, Helen has served the Probation Department commendably in each of her assignments. She is known for her writing skills and outstanding analytical ability. Helen could always be counted on to mentor, train and encourage less experienced staff. She became the department's expert on lethality assessments, elder abuse, and the effects of abuse on children in the home; and

WHEREAS, Helen is known for her fair but firm manner of dealing with probationers and has gained the respect of the Santa Maria Superior Court's Judicial Officers for her knowledge and expertise in the area of domestic violence prevention. She has worked extensively with the Spanish-speaking population and her commitment to victims and children has been exemplified in her efforts to guide them to available resources; and

WHEREAS, Helen is devoted to her husband, Carl, and her extended family including her sister, nieces and a nephew. She is an animal lover, and has been known to nurse sick birds back to health. She is a wonderful cook and plans to enjoy many hours of baking in her newly remodeled kitchen.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Helen Marie Diaz-Sepulveda for 20 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department.

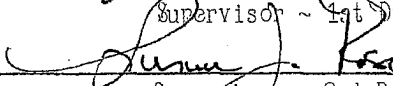
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9th day of May 2006, by unanimous vote of all members present.

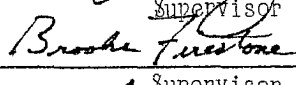


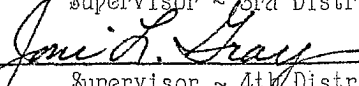
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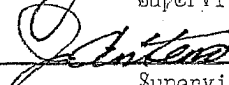

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