

**RESOLUTION OF COMENDATION
LEE MARIE WIERSEMA
FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

WHEREAS, Lee Marie Wiersema was born and raised in Pacific Grove, California, and received Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Cultural Anthropology in 1985 from the University of California, Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Lee began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1987 as a Juvenile Institutions Officer at Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall where she was immediately recognized as a staff member who exhibited a natural ability and projected enthusiasm and interest in her work; and

WHEREAS, In 1990 Lee was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer and was assigned to supervise a juvenile placement caseload, was commended for her proactive field work, and later transferred to the Adult Division attaining armed status and assuming a high-risk intensive supervision caseload; and

WHEREAS, Lee received the 1994 Santa Barbara Citizens Council on Crime Award for Outstanding Skill in Conflict Resolution. In 1995, Lee was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer, Senior, and served in the Multiagency System of Care, Substance Abuse Treatment Court, Proposition 36, Electronic Monitoring/County Parole programs, and as a Gang Task Force Representative; and

WHEREAS, Lee developed strong working relationships with local law enforcement and utilized her in-depth knowledge of probation procedures to become a training specialist for classes in Local Gangs, Probation Equipment, and Special Events. Her determination, focus, commitment and willingness to “pitch-in” have made Lee a valued member of both the Probation Department and her City League softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Lee’s service to the Probation Department has made a significant and positive impact in the lives of her clients and on the safety of the community. In retirement, Lee will have more time to spend with her beloved Rottweilers, Toby and Mona Grace, and traveling to exotic places with her family, Julia, Conor, and Alison; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby commends Lee Marie Wiersema upon her retirement for 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of our County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15th day of May 2007 by the unanimous vote of all members present.