



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
HONORING MICHAEL A. VILLALOBOS FOR
26 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE**)
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WHEREAS, Michael "Andy" Villalobos began employment with the County of Santa Barbara on May 5, 1997 as a Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Transportation Division. He joined the Flood Control District in 2004. As a Flood Control District team member, Andy has been a Maintenance Leader for the past 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Andy, after just one year of employment, faced the 1998 storm, one of the larger flooding events in Santa Barbara County's recent history. Although it resulted in weeks of extended days and weekend hours, having this opportunity so early in his career proved valuable for establishing a clear vision of Public Works true purpose of preventative maintenance efforts. This experience again proved valuable during the 2018 Thomas Fire Debris Flow event, when Andy was temporarily assigned to the South County to help the Community of Montecito respond and recover; and

WHEREAS, For the last 26 years, Andy has been one of our "go-to" team members for North County infrastructure, including Lompoc, Buellton, and Santa Ynez Valley. Serving as a North County expert, Andy has played a key role in establishing the Flood Control District's goal to be knowledgeable and proficient Countywide; and

WHEREAS, Andy as an avid softball coach for the Lompoc Valley Girls Softball Association, learned communication, training techniques, and leadership skills that have served him well as a Flood Control Maintenance Leader. Similar to his role on the softball field, Andy worked side by side with his coworkers in training and mentoring until their skills were properly developed. Jumping ahead over 26 years, now those Andy trained are teaching the next generation of Flood Control staff using Andy's techniques; and

WHEREAS, Andy will retire on March 31, 2023 after nearly 26 years of faithful public service to Santa Barbara County and now will have more time to enjoy with his wife Stacy, his son Andrew, and his daughter Miranda; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes and thanks Michael "Andy" Villalobos for his 26 years of public service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and wishes him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 14th day of March 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Pignato
Clerk of the Board

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