



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**Resolution of Commendation for Chief
Investigator David Saunders upon his
Retirement from the District Attorney's Office**

WHEREAS, after beginning his public safety career nearly 31 years ago as a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputy and then as an Investigator with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, David Saunders returned to Santa Barbara County and is now retiring after nearly 15 years with the District Attorney's Office, where he served with excellence, passion and loyalty as the Chief Investigator overseeing the Bureau of Investigations; and

WHEREAS, under Dave's command and leadership, the Bureau of Investigations consistently fulfilled its mission to develop evidence of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, and Dave devoted himself to safeguarding an accurate investigative process which is crucial to the ethical prosecution of criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, Dave utilized his extensive law enforcement expertise to help create and supervise highly specialized criminal investigative units in complex areas such as real estate fraud, child abduction, arson, and internet crimes against children, all of which fight insidious crimes and hold accountable criminals who target our community, often times against vulnerable victims; and

WHEREAS, Dave ensured that District Attorney staff and buildings remained secure during high-profile cases, dedicated himself to the safety of witnesses and their families, was a founding member of Isla Vista Safe, developed office-wide policies as an invaluable member of the District Attorney's Executive Team, and even earned a glowing letter of commendation entitled, "Dave Saunders, An Outstanding Public Servant" from a pair of stranded motorists whom he rescued in Yosemite National Park during the middle of the night; and

WHEREAS, Dave has conducted himself with the utmost integrity and shown sound judgment, professionalism, dedication, and unwavering perseverance in pursuing truth and justice for all, and has committed his career to working with law enforcement, crime victims, the public, courts, and government agencies to enforce the law while seeking fair and just outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Dave Saunders for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, wishes him the very best of luck as he embarks upon a second career as a professor of criminal justice, and wishes him many more years of good health and happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 11th day of July, 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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