

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
GAIL HERMRECK, PROBATION MANAGER,
FOR 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Gail Hermreck was born to Mike and Wilma Hermreck in Santa Maria, California, raised in Nipomo, California, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Welfare from Fresno State University, Fresno, California; and

WHEREAS, Gail began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1980 as a Group Counselor at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall and quickly advanced to Probation Officer II in 1983. Gail continued to excel in her assignments and in 1990, when Santa Barbara County Probation Department became the first Probation Department in the United States to have narcotic detection K-9s, Gail became one of the first two Probation Officers assigned a narcotic detection K-9. Gail and her partner dog, Maggie, supported and assisted the Santa Maria Police Department's Narcotic Suppression Team and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Special Operations Division in suppressing illicit drugs in Santa Barbara County. She reluctantly left her narcotics investigation efforts in 1999, when she was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising, in the Santa Maria Adult Division; and

WHEREAS, Gail's most recent assignment was that of Probation Manager in the Santa Maria Adult Division, where she was responsible for many projects including, Proposition 36, Drug Court, grants supporting the Santa Barbara Regional Narcotics Enforcement Team, and overseeing the Sex Offender management protocols. During her tenure, and particularly in this assignment, Gail mentored many staff and was viewed as an exceptional role model; and

WHEREAS, Gail has served the Probation Department commendably in each of her assignments and has received well-deserved promotions in recognition of her strong work ethic, natural leadership ability, and sound judgment skills. Over the course of her law enforcement career, Gail has been the subject of many letters of support and received numerous commendations and recognition from many law enforcement agencies. Gail received the Santa Barbara County Chief Probation Officer's Award for Excellence in 1992 and again in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Gail will now be dividing her time between the family ranch in Oregon and the 'critters' at her Nipomo home. The Probation Department will miss Gail's exceptional professionalism, sense of team work and friendship, and wishes her well as she begins her new "retirement project"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Gail Hermreck for 27 years of outstanding dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department and wish her many happy years in retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 20th day of November 2007 by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Jan Will

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

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Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District