

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
MARTIN O. CONOLEY, DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
FOR 29 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Martin O. Conoley was born in Quantico, Virginia and the Marine Corps sent his parents to California, North Carolina and France. He graduated from Point Loma High School in San Diego and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from U.C. San Diego, his M.S. Degree in Counseling from San Diego State University, and obtained his Marriage & Family therapist license in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Martin was employed by the County of Santa Barbara in 1979 as an counselor for Employment and Training Programs developing case plans and making referrals to job training, vocational education, and placement for C.E.T.A. clients; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Martin was appointed as a Deputy Probation Officer in the Adult Division of the Probation Department and supervised the first Drunk Driving caseload. In 1988 Martin transferred to an Adult Investigator position and later conducted Juvenile Investigations; commendations highlighted his meticulous professionalism and characterized him as an outstanding investigator; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Martin was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer III, and with K-9 partner Ebony and another team, established the first narcotic detection canine program in a Probation Department in the United States. Quickly becoming experts in field and search techniques, Martin and Ebony were a valuable resource to the Narcotics Unit and the Operations and Investigations Divisions of the Santa Barbara Police Department. In 1992 Martin received the Santa Barbara County Chief Probation Officer's Award for excellence and K-9 Ebony won K-9 trial awards in 1992, 1993, and 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Martin was assigned as project lead responsible for obtaining a DOJ grant to develop the Substance Abuse Treatment Courts; the first countywide specialty Court program; an accomplishment acknowledged with a certificate of appreciation from the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). In 1996 Martin was promoted to Supervising Probation Officer of an Adult Intensive Supervision Unit and served as the department's Project Director for the Substance Abuse Treatment Court; and

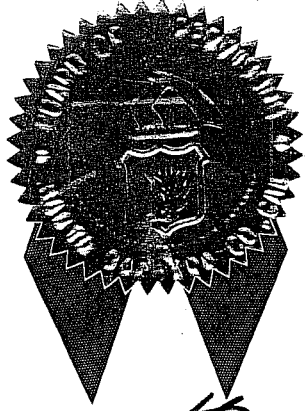
WHEREAS, in 1997 Martin was awarded the H. Thomas Guerry Award for Overall Outstanding Performance by the Santa Barbara Citizens Council on Crime. Martin was promoted to Juvenile Probation Manager in 1999 and developed and oversaw the Challenge II Grant "NEW VISTAS" project, expertly collaborating with partner agencies, the Board of Corrections, and UCSB academic staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Martin was nominated for and attended CPOC Command College. In 2005, Martin was promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer of the Juvenile Division and since then his creative management and leadership skills have distinguished him within the Department and have gained respect from his colleagues throughout the state. Martin was also appointed Interim Chief Probation Officer in April 2007, and diligently served pending the appointment of the Chief Probation Officer. Deputy Chief Conoley's character and career have epitomized the highest ethical and professional standards and he will be remembered best for his engaging smile, thoughtfulness, and genuine interest in the staff he encountered and encouraged in his countywide travels; and

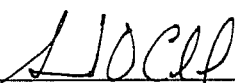
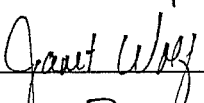
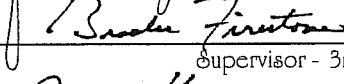
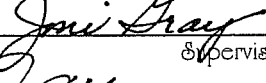
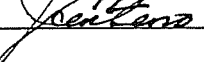
WHEREAS, Martin and his wife Kate will now have the opportunity to attend classes and travel the world on their own timetables; and to explore new adventures and opportunities ahead. The Probation Department will miss Martin's exceptional professionalism, focused team work, and years of support and friendship. It is with best wishes that he begins his new "retirement project"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Martin O. Conoley for 29 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department and wishes him happiness in retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board

  
Supervisor - 1st District  
  
Supervisor - 2nd District  
  
Supervisor - 3rd District  
  
Supervisor - 4th District  
  
Supervisor - 5th District