

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTIM WITNESS TEAM EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 2012

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WHEREAS, the District Attorney Victim Witness team comprised of Megan Rheinschild, Lorrie LeSage, Joan Fairfield, Mary Hove, Lourdes Negrete, Samantha Zaragoza, Susan Lord, Silvia Uribe, Stephanie Medina, Beth Bailey, Candice Culbertson, Yvonne Cortez, Terry Lopez, Sylvia Lazos, Terri Zuniga, Maria Guerra, and Tina Spencer are the September 2012 Employees of the Month; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Witness team is recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication to serving victims and their families in the aftermath of crime through court support, crisis intervention counseling, financial assistance, and resource and referral counseling; and

WHEREAS, violent crimes can have a devastating impact on many aspects of a person's life, and the Victim Witness team provides comprehensive services to over 3,100 victims of crime annually in an effort to alleviate the long lasting physical, emotional and financial effects of crime; and

WHEREAS, these extraordinary County employees demonstrate consistent dedication, compassion, kindness, and the utmost poise and professionalism in the performance of their responsibilities, working closely together to ensure that the needs of crime victims and their families are met; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Witness team members are some of the finest role models to everyone engaged in public service, as their individual efforts make a lifelong difference to the people they assist in our communities; and

WHEREAS, these First Responders initially help victims heal and soon thereafter transform into survivors.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the District Attorney Victim Witness team as the September 2012 County of Santa Barbara Employees of the Month for their exceptional and continuous contributions to our citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4^{th} day of September 2012 by the unanimous vote of the members.

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