

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICER BARBARA RAMSEY HARMON FOR OVER 22 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Barbara Ramsey Harmon was born in Denville, New Jersey, and in 1980 entered public service as an Intern at the St. Albans Probation and Parole Department. She graduated from Johnson State College in Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Human Services Certification in 1981; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 Barbara became a volunteer, and later an extra-help Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO), at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall. She officially began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a JIO I in March 1988, and was soon promoted to Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) I and assigned to a Child Support Caseload. In 1989 she was promoted to DPO II, and the following year was transferred to the Adult Investigations Unit, where she was entrusted with several high-level cases that garnered significant media attention. In 1992 she was promoted to Senior DPO as a lead Investigator in the Santa Maria Juvenile Unit and in 1994 became the Unit's primary Intake Officer and a liaison to Klein Bottle; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was promoted to Supervising Probation Officer of the Santa Maria Juvenile Services Unit in 1998 and from 2001 to 2007 she was responsible for the oversight of the Santa Maria Juvenile Special Programs Unit and became an ambassador for Probation, participating on numerous panels and in youth-related symposiums. In 2007 she transferred to the Adult Services Field Supervision Unit and successfully monitored the Office of Traffic Safety grant and assisted in the preparation of the *Santa Barbara County Domestic Violence Review Court Operations Manual*; and

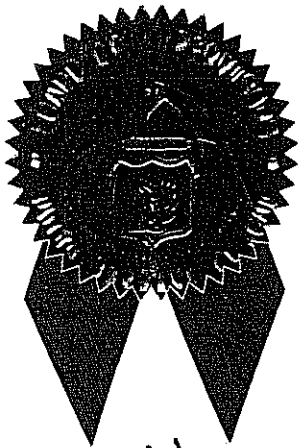
WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Barbara has been the subject of many commendations, including recognition by the Santa Barbara News-Press in 1991 for her volunteer efforts with the American Heart Association, being named the 1995 Santa Maria Probation Officer of the Year, and receiving the Santa Maria Elks Probation Officer of the Year Award in 1997. She was also honored with multiple letters of appreciation for her service on the Staff Recognition Committee, and received a Certificate of Appreciation from Ventura County's Human Services Agency and Probation Agency for her role as a trainer on the 2006 Peer Quality Case Review project; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has served the Probation Department with distinction and will be missed by the entire Administrative Team. She has brought a high level of energy, motivation, and enthusiasm to each of her assignments, and has maintained an open-door policy to her staff, who have appreciated her guidance, dedication, and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Barbara is eager to join her loving husband, Marcus, in retirement, so that together they may enjoy good times, good friends, and an occasional blues concert, and enhance their involvement in many activities, such as, bird watching, bicycling, and tending to their nursery of over 150 'baby' succulents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Barbara Ramsey Harmon for over 22 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 7th day of December 2010, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walton  
Clerk of the Board

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