

**RESOLUTION HONORING JANETTE PELL
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

WHEREAS, Janette Pell served in public service for the past 33 years, and for the past six of those years as the Director of General Services for the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, Janette's impact can be seen in buildings and improvement projects across the county from the renovations of a County owned building that now houses the new Isla Vista Community Center, Fire Station 27 in New Cuyama, Calle Real Master Plan, Santa Ynez Valley Airport improvements, Santa Maria Juvenile Hall improvements, the design of the new probation headquarters, and most notably leading the charge through design and construction of the new state of the art 133,000 square foot Northern Branch Jail in Santa Maria; and

WHEREAS, Janette helped the County go green by installing an array of solar panels at the County's Betteravia complex, implementing the electric vehicle program, spearheading the County's transition to a zero-emission fleet, switching out gas-powered sedans for electric, installing charging stations across the county and most recently expanding the program to include light-duty trucks and vans; and

WHEREAS, Janette led information technology to new heights bringing County services digital, implementing DocuSign, migrating to Office 365, and she was instrumental in setting up the new standalone IT Department; and

WHEREAS, Janette is praised for being a wonderful leader who saw the best in her employees, often promoting from within and prioritizing employee recognition. Her leadership and support have been crucial in providing quality customer service to all County departments. Her innovative thinking also led General Services through COVID, providing County departments with logistics setting up remote work countywide while providing quality service during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Janette has earned a happy retirement to enjoy more family time with her husband Mark, of 44 years, her two rescue dogs, Sara Lee and Stella, her son, Patrick, who is married to Jesse and has two daughters, Lenox, 5 and Preston, 2 and their two pugs (Lola and Elenore) and son, Christopher, who is married to Kylie and has two sons, Camden, 5 and Atlas, 3 and their two Boston terriers (Penelope and Wednesday). After retirement, Janette looks forward to spending more time with her four grandchildren, watching all of their sporting events, and working in her garden and reading. Janette's life is all about family, and she plans to spend more time with all of them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Janette Pell for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates her upon her retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this twenty-first day of March 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.