

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMENDATION AND
APPRECIATION OF DR. JOHN KARAMITSOS AND
CENTRAL COAST CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Dr. Karamitsos received his Medical Degree from the University of Illinois in 1955, served his Internship at Cook County Hospital and in the United States Army and his Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karamitsos has provided quality Ob/GYN care to the women of the Santa Maria Valley for over 40 years, including patients of the Santa Maria Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karamitsos learned Spanish so he could directly communicate with his patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karamitsos has a strong sense of empathy for his patients and believes in taking the time necessary to insure that they understand their condition and treatment recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karamitsos and his group believe that the care provided to indigent patients should be of the same high quality offered to insured patients seen in their practice and consistently offered excellent, compassionate care to patients of the County clinic; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the dedication and commitment Dr. Karamitsos has made to the County, especially the Public Health Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, on this 14th day of October, 2003, recognizes and honors Dr. Karamitsos for his years of outstanding service to the County, and has our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California.