

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL MICHAEL YOUNGDAHL
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2022, Senior Deputy County Counsel Michael Youngdahl retired after 30 years of faithful dedicated service to the County of Santa Barbara;

WHEREAS, Mr. Youngdahl handled hundreds of complex litigation cases for the County in a broad range of areas, from civil rights to employment to wrongful death and was one of our office's most experienced trial attorneys;

WHEREAS, Mr. Youngdahl is known for his conversational and disarming approach with witnesses, charismatic style in the courtroom, and uncanny ability to determine the exact settlement value of a case;

WHEREAS, despite having an often full and busy case load, Mr. Youngdahl's door was always open to his colleagues to discuss cases, provide a "second" or "third chair" at trial, or just be available behind the scenes. Mr. Youngdahl's many hours spent mentoring and training other attorneys in our office will have a lasting impact on the litigation practice for years to come;

WHEREAS, Mr. Youngdahl's calm, knowledgeable, and effective approach to litigation has earned him the respect of Judges, County staff he has represented, his colleagues at County Counsel's Office, and other attorneys in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Youngdahl's upcoming retirement promises more freedom to pursue his volunteering, coaching, and sporting interests, and more time with his wife Deb and son Christopher;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Michael Youngdahl for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement from County service, and wishes him and his family many years of good health and happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of April, 2022 by unanimous vote of all members present.