

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution of Commendation for Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola upon his Retirement from the County of Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola retired on March 3, 2023 after 29 years with the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office, where he served with excellence as a Deputy District Attorney, Filing Deputy, and Chief Deputy District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mag was the District Attorney's representative in all criminal justice policy meetings and working groups, and served as the point of contact for numerous multi-jurisdictional partnerships for the past 10 years. As a Chief Deputy District Attorney, Mag served as a mentor for Deputy District Attorneys and worked to solidify a remarkable relationship between the District Attorney's Office and our partner law enforcement agencies. Mag was instrumental in improving procedures between the Santa Maria Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. He always made himself available to all law enforcement for guidance and advice. Throughout his tenure with the District Attorney's Office, Mag won every award a County prosecutor could win, from Supervisor of the Year, District Attorney of the Year, the Santa Maria Elks Law Enforcement Appreciation Award, and the prestigious Thomas H. Guerry award; and

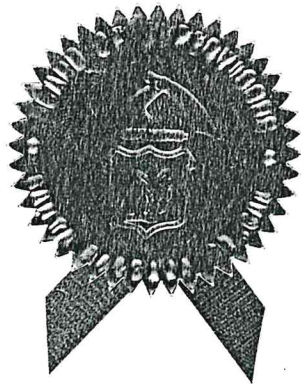
WHEREAS, Mag helped vigorously prosecute some of the most heinous crimes that the County has ever seen, including four defendants who were charged with robbery and murder at the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union, the Slick Gardner case which was the largest animal cruelty case in County history, and the Librado Moreno case involving the torture and murder of an 18-month-old child; and

WHEREAS, Mag was monumental in leading our office through new criminal justice reforms and legislative changes while providing invaluable training to dozens of new prosecutors who now have careers with the District Attorney's Office. Throughout his career, Mag spent countless hours contributing to the Office's Juvenile Law and Justice Program, and also spent many hours at North County schools teaching students about their legal rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mag consistently showed good judgment, professionalism, dedication, and unwavering perseverance and passion in fighting and preventing crime, and committed his career to working with crime victims, the public, courts, Probation, law enforcement, and criminal justice partners to enforce the law while seeking fair and just outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Chief Deputy District Attorney Mag Nicola for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement, 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 14th day of March, 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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