County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA HONORING DIVISION CHIEF SERGIO SANCHEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Division Chief Sergio Sanchez began his distinguished fire service career with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department in April 1993 as a Reserve Firefighter assigned to Station 31; in May 1994, hired as a full-time Firefighter and quickly demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Sanchez served as a valued member of the XSB Type 3 Incident Management Team and responded to numerous local, state, and national emergencies, including but not limited to:

- Montecito Floods (1995)
- Sterns Wharf Fire (1998)
- Goleta Postal Shooting (2006)
- Gap Fire (2008)
- Jesusita Fire (2009)
- Alamo Fire (2017)
- Montecito Debris Flow (2018)
- RTF-12 Deployment North Complex (2020)
- Lake Fire (2024)
- Malibu/Calabasas Fire (1996)
- David Attias Isla Vista Incident (2001)
- Zaca Fire I & II (2007)
- Tea Fire (2008)
- Sherpa Fire (2016)
- Thomas Fire (2017)
- RTF-12 Deployment Camp Fire (2018)
- Alisal Fire (2021)
- Gifford Fire (2025)

WHEREAS, Chief Sanchez demonstrated his commitment to labor-management partnership and firefighter advocacy through his many years of service on the Executive Board of Santa Barbara County Firefighters Local 2046; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sanchez served the broader community beyond emergency response, including being nominated among over 300,000 individuals and selected as one of 300 representatives by Coca-Cola to participate in the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics Torch Relay in recognition of his community involvement, mentorship, and volunteer service with Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Chief Sanchez was honored to represent the Department as the model for the Santa Barbara County Firefighter Memorial statue, completed and placed into service in 1997, which now stands as a lasting tribute and memorial to firefighters and their service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge honoring Division Chief Sergio Sanchez upon his retirement from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this tenth day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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