

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**CALIFORNIA** 

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR BARBERA STEELS, SENIOR DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER FOR 21 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Barbera Steels was born in Porterville, California and moved to Santa Maria in 1993. Having graduated from Lindsay High School in 1987, Barbera attended College of the Sequoias majoring in Liberal Studies and earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology from California State University Northridge in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Barbera began her career with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a Juvenile Institution Officer in 1995 assigned to the Los Prietos Boys Camp, she was subsequently promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in January of 1998 working in the Santa Maria Juvenile Unit; and

WHEREAS, Barbera was promoted to a Senior Deputy Probation Officer in 2006 and assigned to the Santa Maria Adult Supervision Unit. She has held a variety of assignments throughout her career with the Probation Department including High Risk Adult and Juvenile Supervision, Domestic Violence Officer, Court Hearing Officer, Field Training Officer and Administrative Senior; and

WHEREAS, Barbera is commended for faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, and to the many youth and adults that she supervised and mentored and whose lives she had a positive impact, and to all of her fellow officers and friends in the Department to whom she mentored and provided leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbera is married to Supervising Probation Officer James Steels and is the proud mother of 14 year old Jake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Barbera Steels for 21 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department, and extend to her best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable and rewarding retirement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Monnhings at Clery of the Board

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