

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR JIM CLARK SENIOR DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER FOR OVER 33 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, Jim Clark, was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah and graduated from Humboldt State in 1979, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management. He relocated to Santa Barbara County, where in 1981, Jim began working for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as an extra help Group Counselor I assigned to the Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) and became a full time Group Counselor II in September of 1983.

WHEREAS, Jim was by his choice assigned to LPBC his entire career with the Probation Department. There, he rose through the ranks ultimately being promoted to Senior Deputy Probation Officer in 1999. He served as an instructor for the Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO) Core course, training new officers on institutional responsibilities with a focus on use of force and emergencies. He was the liaison between LPBC and the United State Forestry Service (USFS), enabling the Campers to volunteer hours to maintaining local trails, campground maintenance, planting trees and establishing fire breaks. Over the years he was fortunate enough to supervise many overnight camping trips to the Channel Island. He oversaw the LPBC color guard at parades throughout the county and at special events.

WHEREAS, During his tenure at LPBC Jim worked with over 5,000 youth and dedicated his career to challenging each of them to succeed. Jim was pivotal in developing and maintaining the LPBC scholarship program sponsored by local Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs which to date have awarded 100 scholarships. Overall, Jim succeeded in securing donations of over \$500,000 to benefit the youth at LPBC.

WHEREAS, Jim received many recognitions during his career including being recognized by the California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA) meritorious services for outstanding professionalism and dedication, he was recognized by the USFS for coordinating 500,000 hours of volunteer service, he was selected by his peers in 2003 as staff of the year, he received the Guerry Award for Outstanding overall performance, he was recognized by the Rotary for ethical service, he received the Probation Department's Star Award for fundraising, and in 1991 and 2014 he received the coveted Chief's Award.

WHEREAS, Jim is looking forward to spending time with his wife Ellen and their three children Jared, Evan and Rachelle. LPBC is fortunate he has agreed to continue to assist the Department in an extra help capacity providing instruction during JIO Core and assisting at the LPBC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize Jim Clark for over 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department, and extend to him 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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