



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION HONORING THE SANTA MARIA AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE IN SANTA MARIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Maria Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was founded in 1942 when Director Edgar J. Hoover dispatched Special Agent James Casey to investigate the sighting of a Japanese submarine off the Central Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Maria office is now home to 25 Special Agents and professional staff whose work includes criminal, counter-intelligence and counter-terrorism investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Maria office has a colorful and storied history with many of the agents being involved in some very high profile cases; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979 Santa Maria Special Agents were responsible for tracking down and capturing Leonard Peltier, one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted criminals, a prison escapee who had been convicted of killing two other FBI agents at Wounded Knee; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 the Santa Maria office led the investigation into a PSA airlines flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco that crashed near Cambria killing 43 passengers. The FBI was able to determine that a disgruntled worker had boarded the plane with a gun shooting the pilot, co-pilot, a flight attendant and his former boss; and

**WHEREAS**, the FBI investigates numerous bank robberies including the infamous case of the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union in Lompoc in which a customer was killed; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the FBI's Santa Maria office are constantly on guard and ever vigilant to protect the citizens of the Central Coast.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED**, that the County of Santa Barbara wishes to extend congratulations to the FBI in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Santa Maria Resident Agency Office.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.



**ATTEST:**

*Monica Reyes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Phil Williams*

Supervisor - 1st District

*Janet Wolf*

Supervisor - 2nd District

*Joan Barker*

Supervisor - 3rd District

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