

**RESOLUTION HONORING BRENDA FRENCH
FOURTH DISTRICT ARTS COMMISSIONER
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Brenda French has volunteered as a member of the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission since 2000, having completed six full terms; and served on the County Art in Public Places Committee for over eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission seeks to act as a coordinator and catalyst, to bring government, artists, and the public together for the cultural benefit of all; collaborate with other agencies to increase access to the arts; gather and disseminate information; conduct public meetings and advise the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Brenda French worked tirelessly with her fellow commissioners to advocate for the arts, artists, and arts education and to provide access to the arts for all in our community. Her efforts include serving as a liaison throughout the county sharing events and exhibitions from all communities; serving on the Community Arts Enrichment Grant panel; increasing awareness of rising artists and arts groups; and recognizing and presenting the Leadership in Arts Award to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Brenda French graduated from the State University of New York, New Paltz as the first student to earn a master's of science in Arts Education from that school; and committed her life to teaching art to students having taught arts and English for over almost 30 years in Lompoc and 50 years total, touching the lives of thousands of students during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Brenda French is a dedicated volunteer serving on several committees including the Lompoc Valley Arts Council and the Santa Maria Arts Council, always working to increase access to the arts and advocating for quality arts experiences throughout the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Brenda French for her service as a member of the Santa Barbara Arts Commission and further commends her for her advocacy for the arts in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 12th day of December, 2017 by a unanimous vote of all members present.