



Y OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING **CALIFORNIA**

COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TALMAGE AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ZONE SECA, INC. PARTNERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

WHEREAS, Deborah Talmage has been awarded the First Annual Zona Seca, Inc. Partners Making a Difference Award; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Talmage has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing prevention, intervention, education and counseling services to members of our community who are struggling with alcohol and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Talmage has a distinguished legal career serving as the first female judicial officer in the history of Santa Barbara County where she has recently celebrated her 26th anniversary on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Talmage has been a advocate for some of our community's most vulnerable residents as demonstrated through her service that includes developing and managing one of the first domestic violence prosecution units in California, being a legal advisor to the Women's Shelter, presiding over the therapeutic courts for the past six years, recognition by the California State Bar for providing pro bono legal services and training volunteer attorneys to assist victims of domestic violence in obtaining restraining orders; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Talmage has been active in the legal community and recognized for her many accomplishments including founding the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, serving on the Board of California Women Lawyers representing Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, receiving the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers' Attorney-of-the-Year Award, being honored twice with the Santa Barbara County Bar Association's Judicial Service Award, receiving the initial Santa Barbara Independent's "Local Heroes" award and voted twice as "Best Traffic Judge" by its readership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Commissioner Deborah Talmage upon her receiving the Zona Seca, Inc. Partners Making a Difference Award and further commends her for her years of dedicated service to all the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 20th day of October, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present,

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