



County of Ventura
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HONORING
GARY HIRTENSTEINER
VENTURA COUNTY HARBOR DEPARTMENT
31 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, GARY HIRTENSTEINER BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1991 WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY HARBOR DEPARTMENT AS A HARBOR PATROL OFFICER. GARY DEMONSTRATED COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE, DEDICATION, AND FLEXIBILITY DURING HIS 23 YEARS WITH THE HARBOR PATROL. GARY ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS AND WAS PROMOTED TO HARBORMASTER IN AUGUST 2014; AND

WHEREAS, AS HARBORMASTER, GARY PROVIDED EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP TO THE HARBOR PATROL AND HARBOR MAINTENANCE TEAMS. HIS STAFF KEPT THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR SAFE BY PROVIDING CRITICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE, CRISIS MANAGEMENT, AND SECURITY; AND CLEAN BY PROVIDING CUSTODIAL SERVICES, DOCK AND MARINA MAINTENANCE, AND MORE; AND

WHEREAS, GARY PRIORITIZED PUBLIC SAFETY AND WAS INFLUENTIAL IN IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF TRAINING AND PREPAREDNESS OF THE PATROL OFFICERS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, TRAINING WAS IMPLEMENTED FOR OFFICERS TO BECOME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND TRAINING EFFORTS WERE COORDINATED WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF, INCREASING THE LEVEL OF MEDICAL RESPONSE AND SAFETY FOR THE PUBLIC; AND

WHEREAS, GARY HAS BEEN INTEGRAL IN PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL HARBOR-WIDE EVENTS SUCH AS THE PARADE OF LIGHTS, 4TH OF JULY, SANTA TO THE SEA, AND CAR SHOWS. GARY'S SUPPORT FOR THESE EVENTS ENSURED THE PUBLIC HAD A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE AT THE HARBOR; AND

WHEREAS, GARY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS TO HELP CONNECT VENTURA COUNTY'S YOUTH TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. MOST NOTABLY, GARY WAS LEAD AND OVERSAW THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM, WHICH CONTINUES TO SERVE YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PROGRAM TEACHES FIRST AID, WATER SAFETY, AND BASIC INSTRUCTIONS OF OCEAN RESCUE TECHNIQUES. GARY'S COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HELPED TO OBTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE OTHERWISE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND WHO PROVIDED DIVERSITY WITHIN THE PROGRAM THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE EXISTED; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS IN PATROL AND AS HARBORMASTER, GARY HAS BEEN PRAISED AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLIMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COWORKERS FOR HIS DEDICATION TO KEEPING THE HARBOR SAFE AND CLEAN.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING GARY HIRTENSTEINER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AND DOES HEREBY EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE FOR 31 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND WISH HIM HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

PRESENTED ON THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2023



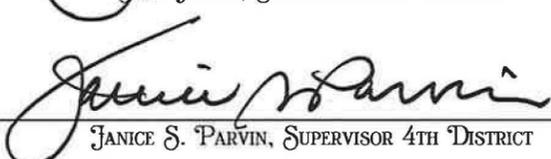
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT



JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT



KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT



JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT



VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT