

Colleene E. Preciado

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Colleene Preciado has given generously of herself during her outstanding thirty-four year public service career with the County of Orange and has attained the highest level of excellence, and it is appropriate at this time that she be extended special commendations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Preciado began her County career as a Child Support Officer with the District Attorney's Office in June 1976; she was quickly promoted to Deputy Probation Officer and served in a number of assignments such as Adult Supervision, Juvenile Supervision and the Program Division; in August 1986, Ms. Preciado was promoted to the position of Supervising Probation Officer and, in 1989, was transferred to the Gang Unit; and

WHEREAS, in August 1994, Ms. Preciado was promoted to Division Director and served as a co-director of Juvenile Hall; in November 2000, she was appointed to Chief Deputy Probation Officer and oversaw the Special Services Bureau until her appointment to Chief Probation Officer in August 2005; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Preciado will be remembered for many groundbreaking accomplishments that have dramatically improved the County's probation system in Orange County, including implementation of the Effective Probation Practices initiative, implementation of Evidence Based Programming, the Integrated Case Management system, Balanced Scorecard, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, and expansion of the use of the Department's Global Positioning System to juvenile and adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Preciado has served in professional organizations with characteristic leadership quality, including the Chief Probation Officers Association of California and the Police Chiefs Association of Orange County, Chair for the Southern Regional Chapter and President of the California Association of Probation Services Administrators, and treasurer of the Orange County Narcotics Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Preciado has been committed to continually seeking personal growth and training and to help others in the County family, as evidenced by her graduation from the first Orange County Leadership Academy, her work on the OCLA alumni steering committee, launching of the Functional Fitness class, and initiation of the Probation Department's Medal of Valor award to recognize outstanding performance and bravery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Preciado has been selflessly committed to helping others throughout Orange County, serving as Co-Chair of the United Way Campaign in 2008 and Chair in 2009, working as a Standards and Training for Corrections certified trainer, a Member of the Orange County Gang Investigators Association and volunteer mentor for the Orange County Bar Foundation's nationally recognized juvenile diversion program; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career with the County of Orange, Ms. Preciado has proven to be one of those rare individuals who continually rises to the challenges of every position she has held; she exemplifies the very best in public service and has made a lasting impression on those with whom she has associated; and

WHEREAS, the high esteem in which Ms. Preciado is held by her colleagues and others fortunate enough to know her is a testament for others who strive to excel in their personal, professional, public, and community life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Colleene Preciado for her outstanding public service career with the County of Orange, thank her for her dedication and loyalty, and further extend to her best wishes for her retirement.

April 20, 2010

Janet Nguyen
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, First District