

Don Hansen

WHEREAS, Don Hansen has been a greatly respected member of the Dana Point Harbor community for forty years, and it is highly appropriate at this time that he be extended special recognition and commendations for his outstanding accomplishments and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Don started Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching in 1971, which has the distinction of being the first business to operate in Dana Point Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Don was the originator of Whale Watching in Orange County, as his pioneering vision continues to pave the way for others; and

WHEREAS, Don was Co-Founder of the Dana Point Festival of Whales, helping it grow into one of Orange County's premiere celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Don started the Dana Point Harbor Christmas Boat Parade in 1975, as well as initiating free Santa Boat Rides in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Don was President of the Dana Point Harbor Association from 1992-2007 and recipient of its first Legacy Award, and has also been a Dana Point Chamber of Commerce member since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Don has been Citizen of the Year for the Cities of San Clemente and Dana Point, and received an Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award from the City of San Clemente; and

WHEREAS, his business, Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching has received numerous awards, including Dana Point Business of the Year, Best Harbor Excursion three years in a row, as well as Business of the Month from Dana Point Times; and

WHEREAS, Don was an original member of the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Taskforce and has received numerous recognitions for his work in sport fishing and efforts to bring people to Orange County and the City of Dana Point, most recently being honored with the Orange County Tourism Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, the high esteem in which Don Hansen is held by his colleagues and other individuals fortunate enough to know him stands as a testament for those who strive for the very best in their personal, professional, public and community life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR PATRICIA C. BATES does hereby take great pleasure in congratulating Don Hansen for forty years of outstanding service to Dana Point Harbor, applauds him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the community, and further extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Dated this 11th Day of May, 2011

PATRICIA C. BATES
Supervisor, Fifth District
Orange County Board of Supervisors

