

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-330**

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF OFFICER GEORGE SANTOS'.....)**  
**RETIREMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP).....)**  
**AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE AND PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 7, 2020)**  
**AS GEORGE SANTOS DAY IN FRESNO COUNTY.....)**

**WHEREAS**, George Eusebio Santos was born on August 14, 1964 in Fowler, CA to parents, Eusebio and Arminda Santos. The Santos' family moved to Sanger in 1969. George graduated from Sanger High School in 1982 and attended Kings River College in Reedley for two years. He entered the CHP Academy on May 15, 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, George graduated from the CHP Academy in October 1989. He was first assigned to the Hollister Gilroy area where he worked from 1989 to 1998. During his tenure, he received additional training and became a Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, and a valued member of the EI Protector Program. He earned his first of many 10851 pins in August 1997, and was recognized for his participation in 'Avoid the 13' and awarded a 'Super Hero' by the Gilroy Chief of Police in 1995 and 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, George transferred to the North Sacramento office in 1998. There he met his wife, Tara, a CHP dispatcher in the Sacramento Communications Center. Through the years, George and Tara guided and raised their four children, watching them grow into their own families and careers. They are now blessed with eight grandchildren

**WHEREAS**, George and Tara transferred 'home' to the Fresno Area office and Fresno Communications Center in 2000. George graduated from the CHP Motor school in April 2002 and is currently 65-M2 on the elite Fresno motor squad. He is infamously known as the motor officer always sitting on SR180 at Peach, looking for speeding motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, During his 32 years of service, George has worked the road his entire career! He witnessed some major challenges such as the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the Rodney King riots, 9-11 terrorist attacks and COVID-19. On February 10, 2010, George was one of the first officers to arrive on scene at the Minkler shooting in Fresno County, where officers were being ambushed. He was able to assist in cover for the officers and helped bring an injured officer out of the scene to receive medical attention; and

**WHEREAS**, George has worked numerous Protective Service Details, escorting many dignitaries, including the President of the United States. George was honorably named Officer of the Year in 2006, 2011 and 2019. But a prouder moment in his career was pinning the badge on his son, Julian, as he graduated the CHP Academy in 2017.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and congratulates Officer George Santos for his 32 years of dedicated service to the California Highway Patrol and proclaim November 7, 2020, as George Santos Day in Fresno County in honor of his retirement.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors, Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes  
Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST.  
BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By Dustin Cuyler  
Deputy