WHEREAS, Kathleen Quetin was appointed as Ombudsman to the Air Resources Board (ARB) on September 14, 1999, by Governor Gray Davis and after serving for 4 years she was re-affirmed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen was recognized throughout ARB for her astute insights, clever metaphors, encouraging nature, personal warmth, collegiality and witty humor, even under stressful circumstances, and;

WHEREAS, upon receiving angry calls from businesses cited and fined by ARB Enforcement, Kathleen responded with compassion and the utmost professionalism; softening their anger by the time they reached the Division Office, and;

WHEREAS, the Board has benefited greatly in its collaborations with Kathleen and her 35 years experience in various arenas such as 18 wheel truck driver, environmental manager and lobbyist for Raley's Grocers, Planning Commissioner for Sacramento County and service on multiple Boards and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen demonstrated her dedication to California small businesses by donning a pair of hip waders and put new meaning to the phrase “getting your feet wet” in order to really understand the plight of the rice farmer during ARB’s Rice Burning Regulation, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has consistently provided valuable support and facilitation to the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and to individual air districts in striving to achieve more efficient and effective programs among state and local agencies, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has represented California businesses with conciseness and diligence for the past 10 years through an unprecedented and transformational period, as ARB’s environmental leadership extended into climate change mitigation, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen was declared the best boss ever by her staff and they have sworn their loyalty until the end of time, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen leaves her service to ARB in the highest possible regard of her colleagues, to continue her service to air quality, and;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has achieved the next step in her life by joining her husband in Quetin Consulting, and;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Members, on behalf of all ARB, express their heartfelt appreciation to Kathleen Quetin for her distinctive and devoted service to the health, welfare and safety of all Californians by her service to this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, the Board wishes all possible success to Kathleen, and looks forward to opportunities for continued collaboration to advance the causes of clean air and a healthful environment.

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