

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established an employee recognition program to publicly show support to employees for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 our community was faced with monumental challenges including the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as the CZU Lightning Complex fires; and

WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Health Service Agency (HSA) in the COVID-19 pandemic response cannot be emphasized enough and the entire Santa Cruz County community bears a debt of gratitude for their efforts during this challenging year; and

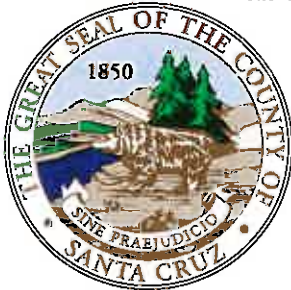
WHEREAS, the Public Health Division lead the HSA Department Operations Center for the COVID-19 response and implemented the SAVE Lives Action Plan whose highlights included mitigating the spread of COVID-19 through intensive case investigation, contact tracing, and the development of isolation and quarantine resources for the community; and

WHEREAS, HSA has been committed to providing consistent and accurate information to the public and helped to staff the Department Operations Call Center alongside employees from the Personnel and Parks and Recreations Departments; and

WHEREAS, HSA has used an equity lens in all decision making, including dedicating community outreach, resources, and activities to the South County and Latinx population, who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and HSA has opened drive-through vaccination clinics and other vaccination sites in Santa Cruz County to serve our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, HSA Public Health Division provided medical health leadership for the CZU Lightning Complex fires emergency and Public Health staff were integral in the medical preparedness efforts for the planning of the Debris Flow evacuations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the Health Services Agency for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date