

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT 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

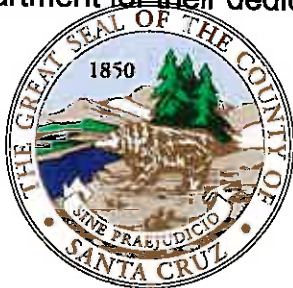
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department stepped up to lead COVID-19 care and shelter operations for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness and Extra-Help staff provided shelter management and logistical support in managing the collection and distribution of donations for fire survivors; and

WHEREAS, Family and Children's Services utilized remote meeting platforms to ensure that parents were able to maintain visits with their children and during this past year permanency was achieved for 77 children, meanwhile the Adult and Long-Term Care staff worked to ensure that older adults, persons with disabilities, and veterans had care, safe housing and access to programs; and

WHEREAS, the Employment and Benefit Services Division was able to help over 6400 individuals receive access to EDD services and the Collaborative Administrative teams ensured that all planned operations continued and incorporated new tasks and quickly set up an array of data collection mechanisms to support disaster services.

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



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date