

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE INFORMATION 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

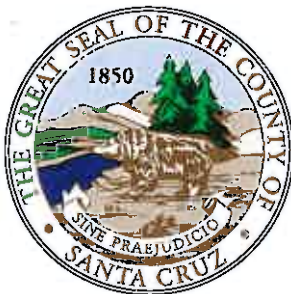
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, staff in the Information Services Department provided vital communication resources and support to the Office of Emergency Services and First Responders during the days during and following the CZU Lightning Complex fires by providing remote communication abilities and technological resources to evacuation sites and command centers; and

WHEREAS, staff deployed laptops and printers for emergency response personnel, set up call centers in support of responding to the needs of evacuated citizens; and created real time county websites for fire victims and evacuees with maps of the impact of destruction and guidance for rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, staff completed major infrastructure changes and upgrades and created copious documentation on remote procedures to support the some 1,200 or more remote workers accessing county resources from home and elsewhere.

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



*Bruce McPherson*

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date