

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION 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

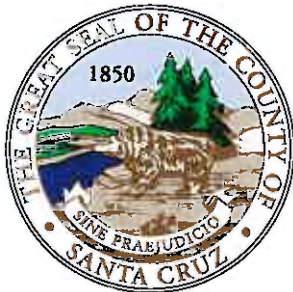
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parks and Recreation Department supported our community by providing childcare to essential workers and, when shelter-in-place restrictions were relaxed, staff redesigned the childcare program to serve as on-site support for children connecting to their online remote learning classes; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance staff continued to keep our parks and facilities clean and safe, despite the added risk of in-person work, and put up new signage at all parks describing COVID-19 guidelines and practices, which, in some cases, involved removing entire picnic tables to ensure social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance staff assisted at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds erecting animal enclosures for livestock and pets displaced by the fire, as well as assisting in numerous logistical projects from delivering bottled water to the San Lorenzo Valley to helping clean up at fire evacuee shelters.

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



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date