

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S 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 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 County Counsel's Office provided focused legal services to assist the Health Services Agency and Public Health Officer in responding to the COVID-19 crisis which included intense collaboration in order to draft public health orders, pivot and adjust as new information surfaced, and work with internal enforcement partners to implement these orders; and

WHEREAS, staff drafted emergency ordinances, contracts, resolutions, and directives to respond to the twin public emergencies to address shelter needs, eviction protections, increased services, debris clearance, and urgent needs for the purchase of goods, all of which helped to support our community in this extreme time of need; and

WHEREAS, staff worked collaboratively and enthusiastically with the Civil and Juvenile divisions of the Superior Court to overcome logistical and technological hurdles and help ensure that the legal process in numerous matters continued to move forward at a reasonable pace despite the significant challenges presented by COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the County Counsel's Office for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date