

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 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

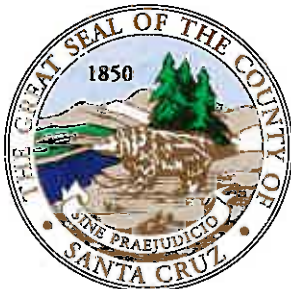
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office issued press releases to alert the community about CZU fire-related scams that were taking advantage of fire victims and educated them on how to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, staff in the District Attorney's Office worked with the Santa Cruz Superior Court to implement a system in which attorneys and parties could appear for court remotely, supported the courts in their transition to accepting documents for filing online, and, in collaboration with the Information Services Department, established an online payment system which helped to protect community members as well as staff by reducing the need for in person financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, staff implemented the Neighborhood Courts program which is a community driven, pre-filing diversion program designed to divert low level misdemeanor offenses from entering the criminal justice system.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Bruce McPherson".

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date