

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE GENERAL 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

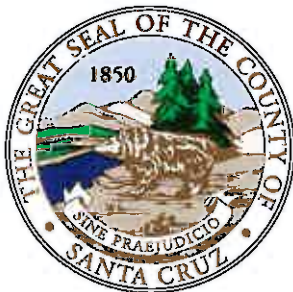
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, just days after the CZU Lightning Complex fires erupted, staff in the General Services Department began taking steps to ready the County Warehouse to accept donations from the public, making this the first time the County had ever set up a location to accept community donations and as the community response continued to grow, staff collaborated with the Human Services Department to open a secondary warehouse in Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, because the outpouring of support from the community was unmatched, a system for tracking donations was needed and assistance from the Auditor, Human Services, and County Counsel's Departments led to the creation of database for organizing the many items received, as well as developing the layout for receiving donations, coordinating requests for donations, and subsequent delivery of the items to fire evacuees or the evacuation sites; and .

WHEREAS, staff worked with the Volunteer Center to dispatch volunteers who assisted with donation collection at the warehouses and made deliveries to the various evacuation sites bringing much needed supplies to our displaced community members.

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



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date