

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE PROBATION 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

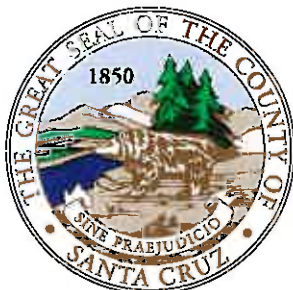
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, in response to the CZU Lightning Complex fires, staff at the Juvenile Hall coordinated the relocation of detained youth to Santa Clara where they were cared for during the evacuation and the scope and scale of pretrial services significantly increased to serve as an alternative to incarceration which has been essential to protecting the health and safety of jail inmates and jail staff; and

WHEREAS, staff in the Juvenile and Adult Divisions shifted to curbside wellness checks focused on meeting the needs of youth and their families by providing assistance with remote learning, school supplies, food and baby items, as well as referrals for rental assistance, food distribution sites, and behavioral health support; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with COE, PVUSD, and CAB, the Student Success Project team worked to ensure students were supported with remote learning through the purchase and distribution of Chrome Books and the establishment of a tented resource center where families could get assistance with Google Classroom, information on resources, and children could access tutors and be assessed for other needs.

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



*Bruce McPherson*

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date