

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR CALIFORNIA

LORI SIMMONS **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, FEBRUARY 2012**

Whereas, Lori Simmons has served as a Recovery Assistant at the Santa Maria Adult Mental Health Clinic since 2004, providing outstanding, invaluable services to adults with mental illness:

Whereas, Lori's roles vary - from giving direct support to consumers, providing transportation, to leading an Art Group which promotes recovery - she helps persons gain personal confidence and acts as a source of strength and encouragement:

Whereas, Lori is humble, kind, respectful, dependable and creative. She always has a wonderful smile on her face and even organizes humor breaks. She is generous and caring with both staff and consumers;

Whereas, Lori gracefully works with people facing challenging life circumstances, including persons who are homeless, carefully listening and consistently offering practical help as well as insight and personal wisdom. She provides dignified experiences for all;

Whereas, Lori often works in the community, she has a pulse on where to find valuable resources, such as housing for consumers;

Whereas, Lori goes above and beyond, organizing social gatherings for consumers, including holiday events, and supporting young people in the Transition Age Youth Program;

Whereas, Lori is trusted by everyone and makes life uplifting and easier for consumers, family members and staff;

NOW THERFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Lori Simmons for her exceptional and continuous contributions as employee of month for February 2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 14th day of February by the unanimous vote of the members.

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District Supervisor - 3rd District ervisor - 4th District Supervisor - 5th District