**UPON HER RETIREMENT** 



## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR LOURDES KRAFT CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, in September 1981, Lourdes (Lou) Kraft began her 34-year-long career with Santa Barbara County in the Public Health Department as a bilingual Clerk Typist I, then Court Clerk I at the Santa Maria Municipal Court, and then moved over to the Department of Social Services as an Eligibility Worker (EW) I in May 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kraft throughout her storied career has held the positions of EW I, II, II, Eligibility Supervisor, and Department Business Specialist (DBS), became expert in the AFDC, Medi-Cal, Food Stamps, General Relief and In Home Supportive Services programs and gained a working knowledge of all other programs within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the list of her credentials does not even begin to describe the breadth and depth of knowledge, versatility, dedication, and professionalism Ms. Kraft brought to the Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kraft has mentored and shared her knowledge with countless employees: office professionals, eligibility workers, social workers, supervisors, DBS and management staff, throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kraft is known as the voice of calm within any storm and the person one can reliably turn to for support and guidance. Her sense of humor and easy laugh never wavered. She will be sorely missed and is wished only the best as she enters a new chapter in life upon her retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Lourdes Kraft for her 34 years of service to the community of Santa Barbara County, and congratulates Lourdes Kraft upon her retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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