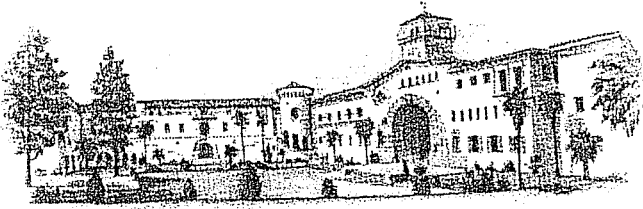


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELE FITZPATRICK UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Michele Fitzpatrick began her career in 1971 with the County Welfare Department as an Eligibility Worker Trainee in the Medi-Cal Program and is concluding her career by serving for the past 21 years as a Deputy Director for the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, over these years there have been many changes above, beyond and much more significant than the name of the department; and

WHEREAS, throughout these changes, Michele has been steadfast in her dedication to the clients and staff of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Michele has always done her utmost to support staff in advancing their education, professional skills and careers including the development of Eligibility Worker Training Units, a collaborative with the UCSB Supervisory Skills Certificate Program, the development of a Management Development program with SACHS, a collaborative with California State University at Long Beach to provide a long distance MSW program, the development of the Social Services Leadership Development and Mentoring Program, her service on the Employee University Governing Council and serving as a trainer herself;

WHEREAS, Michele oversaw the planning, financing, construction and furnishing of the main Social Services offices in each region without incurring a nervous breakdown;

WHEREAS, Michele has been primarily responsible for much of the current infrastructure of the Department of Social Services including the Fiscal Division, Contracts Function, Information Technology Division, Staff Development and the installation of major computer systems for eligibility (CalWIN) and Child Welfare (CWS/CMS);

WHEREAS, Michele has survived multiple Grand Jury investigations and many budgets, strategic scans and often competing demands from six CAO/CEOs without losing either her sense of humor or perspective;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Michele Fitzpatrick for her 38 years of exemplary service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the employees of the Department of Social Services;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of July, 2009, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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