Resolution of the Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Child Welfare Services (CWS) Social Worker Donnie Sanches is retiring after 20 years with the department; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie started working for the county as a CWS Social Worker in 2001 where she remained, working with Humboldt County's children and families during her entire county career; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her case work duties as a CWS Social Worker, Donnie has frequently served as a mentor to both social work interns and new social work staff, sharing her experience, expertise and passion for serving families; and

WHEREAS, her co-workers say Donnie is a professional, caring, driven social worker who is known for remaining calm in the most stressful situations, balances kindness, respect and accountability and is known to co-workers and clients alike for providing support and compassion in times of challenge, loss and trauma; and

WHEREAS, CWS staff share their appreciation of Donnie's practice not to define her clients by the behavior that brought them to the agency, but rather to recognize and embrace the whole unique person and their strengths, as well as her steadfast commitment to her work and ensuring her clients' needs are met; and

WHEREAS, her co-workers and supervisors wish to share their thanks and recognition of the wisdom, guidance, sense of humor and genuine caring they have experienced working with Donnie; and

WHEREAS, during her 20-year tenure, Donnie made a significant difference at DHHS, and in the Humboldt County community, and she will be greatly and truly missed by co-workers and clients alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Donnie Sanches' years of dedication to the county, her clients and the community and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

May 25, 2021

Virginia Bass, Chair