RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Supervising Correctional Deputy Delia Garcia is retiring on August 31, 2024, after over 22 years of exemplary public service to the County of Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, Delia was hired December 4, 2001 by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer I, and was promoted to Correctional Officer II on January 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Delia was appointed to the Gang Resource Intelligence Team on July 21, 2004, where she assisted her local law enforcement partners in identifying and sharing information related to gang activity in Humboldt County. Delia remains on the team to this day and since 2012 has served in a leadership role on the team; and

WHEREAS, Delia was promoted to Senior Correctional Officer on November 20, 2005, serving as a first-level supervisor and training officer for the facility; and

WHEREAS, Delia received a letter of appreciation from Captain Ciarabellini on February 8, 2006 for her part in delivering a gang presentation to the local Rotary Club, praising her dedication, effort and professionalism. This was the first of several letters of appreciation she would receive over the years for her gang presentations and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Delia was assigned as an Acting Correctional Supervisor on October 13, 2006 to step in when one of our supervisors became ill. Delia fulfilled her duties effectively and capably during the short assignment; and

WHEREAS, Delia was appointed as the Senior Classification Officer on January 13, 2008; and served in that role until September 2011. During that time, she instituted an electronic filing system for our Classification records and continued her dedicated work with the Gang Resource Intelligence Team while managing all the complicated issues with our inmate population; and

WHEREAS, Delia received a letter of commendation on March 2, 2010 for her work with Eureka Police Department detectives in a gang-related homicide investigation. In large part to her contributions, EPD was able to identify and arrest the suspect and the victim's family was extremely grateful of her efforts; and

WHEREAS, Delia was again appointed as an Acting Supervising Correctional Deputy on August 4, 2017, until she was officially promoted to a permanent Supervising Correctional Deputy position on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Delia joined the County's Crisis Intervention Training's (CIT) Executive Committee in 2018, working with county partners to develop curriculum and scenarios for the annual Crisis Intervention Training given to law enforcement and other local partners. Delia helped create Corrections-specific scenarios to better train custody staff in their unique roles. For her CIT contributions, Delia was named as a CIT First Responder of the Year in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Delia was selected as the Administrative Programs Supervisor on January 27, 2019, where she oversaw the Programs Division of the HCCF, focused on providing resources to the incarcerated population including re-entry services, education opportunities and other wellness programs. She was able to successfully continue many of these programs even during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Delia also dedicated herself to push for officer wellness programs, including bringing to light deficiencies with our County's Employee Assistance Program which led to a new program being implemented. Delia was also a key member in developing Peer Support programs for Sheriff's Office employees, often devoting her own time to help a co-worker in need; and

WHEREAS, Delia received multiple additional commendations over the years for her work on shift, including intercepting drugs from being introduced into the facility and her performance during critical medical emergencies and incidents; and

WHEREAS, over her entire career, Delia was known for her dedication and passion to the Sheriff's Office and the people she worked with. Delia never shied away from a challenge and excelled in various leadership roles throughout her career. She has also had individuals who were formerly incarcerated thank her for helping change their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff William Honsal, and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commend Supervising Correctional Deputy Delia Garcia for her 22 years of service to the Sheriff's Office and together, wish her success in her retirement.

Dated: August 27, 2024



Supervisor Rex Bohn, Chair