Humboldt County Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION

in honor of

Diny King

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Behavioral Health Case Manager II Diny King is retiring after 28 years with the county; and

WHEREAS, Diny was first hired as an extra help Mental Health Worker II in the summer of 1996, before being hired into a permanent part time position in 1997, promoting to Mental Health Worker II in 1999 and then becoming a full-time employee with the county in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Diny continued on the Mental Health Worker track, taking a voluntary demotion for a few months as a Medical Office Assistant II, before being promoted to a Mental Health Case Manager I in 2016 and reclassified as a Behavioral Health Case Manager II in 2022, the position she is retiring from; and

WHEREAS, one of her colleagues said Diny was the first person to take the position as Case Manager in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) after the position was newly created and has set the tone for aftercare since; and

WHEREAS, one Sheriff's lieutenant who worked closely with her at the HCCF said Diny coordinated countless program interviews to get clients into needed treatment, helping them set up benefits, gather identification documents and procure other re-entry needs and although she frequently worked with the same clients several times over the years, she never let recidivism dampen her dedication to the work and played a vital role in assisting thousands of justice-involved individuals with discharge planning; and

WHEREAS, one of her co-workers said despite her years working with all kinds of people, including hardened individuals, Diny was never jaded and always saw a possibility of healing and wellness in Humboldt County's incarcerated population, and another colleague summed it up by saying, Diny's "legacy of empathy, professionalism and resilience will live on in the countless lives she has touched."

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



May 2, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair