

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Children’s Behavioral Health Senior Program Manager Jet DeKruise is retiring after nearly 38 years with the county; and

WHEREAS, Jet was first hired at the county in 1987 as a Mental Health Clinician II, and was assigned as a Day Treatment Manager in 1991, before her position was reclassified as Mental Health Program Manager in 1992; and

WHEREAS, from September 2000 and July 2006, Jet served as the Hospital Administrator as well as serving a stint as Acting Deputy Director in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Jet was reclassified as Deputy Mental Health Director, a job she held for a year before taking a voluntary demotion to Program Manager-Licensed, then promoting to Senior Program Manager and finally being reclassified to Senior Program Manager-Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Jet transferred from Adult Behavioral Health to work as a Senior Program Manager for Children’s Behavioral Health, a position she held until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Jet mentored many upcoming leaders during her time in the behavioral health field and has been described as a “strong advocate for those most in need of support;” and

WHEREAS, a colleague from another agency who Jet worked closely with, described her as “grounded, smart, funny, knowledgeable and able to help a group of interagency representatives reach compromise in difficult situations;” and

WHEREAS, a former co-worker described Jet as someone who “consistently demonstrated integrity and responsiveness to her colleagues and the community” and as someone who made “considerable contributions” to our Behavioral Health programs and clients. She finished by saying, “Jet has incredible institutional knowledge, and her absence will be a huge loss to the community.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Jet DeKruise’s years of dedication to the county, her co-workers and the adults, children and families she has worked with and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

DATED: March 25, 2025



Michelle Bushnell, Chair