

# Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION

*in honor of*

## KAREN UMBERGER

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Social Services Aide Karen Umberger is retiring after 20 years with the department; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen was first hired to work at the county as an Office Assistant I in early 2005 and promoted less than a year later to Office Assistant II; and

**WHEREAS**, four years later, Karen promoted to a Child Welfare Services Social Services Aide where she has spent the last 15 years supporting families and social workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen's wonderful sense of humor and fashion sense are appreciated by friends and colleagues alike; and

**WHEREAS**, one co-worker described Karen as someone who has "mentored all of us at some point, intentionally or unintentionally, teaching us how to fill out forms correctly, or how to interact compassionately and respectfully with people who are having perhaps one of the hardest days of their lives;" and

**WHEREAS**, Karen's reputation around CWS has been of someone who always goes above and beyond for staff and clients, treating everyone with dignity and respect. One co-worker summed it up, "You always made a tough job feel lighter, and we'll miss you more than words, or memos, can express."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Karen's years of dedication to the county and community and wishes her a long and happy retirement and many fun times and adventures with her Frenchie Bodhi.

December 9, 2025

Mike Wilson, Chair

