

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



WHEREAS, Melva Paris started working at the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office with a youth summer jobs program in June of 1976 in the Sheriff's Business Office; and

WHEREAS, in June 1980, Melva was hired as a part-time Sheriff's Clerk and in February 1982, Melva was hired as a full-time Sheriff's Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in December 1988, Melva was promoted to Supervising Records Clerk which was later retitled to Legal Office Services Supervisor and served in this role for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, Melva was promoted to Legal Office Services Manager and served in this role for 3 years until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, in April 2000, Melva was presented with an award recognizing the quality of service she has consistently provided to the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Melva has 47 years of experience with the Sheriff's Office in which she has served with 6 Sheriffs – Gene Cox, David Renner, Dennis Lewis, Gary Philp, Michael Downey, and William Honsal; and

WHEREAS, Melva has been called the Sheriff's Office icon and historian and can share some pretty funny and interesting stories about the history of the department; and

WHEREAS, Melva started working at the Sheriff's Office when typewriters were used for everything and microfilm was how they stored "old" records. Melva helped the department move to their first electronic records management system, Logisys, and later helped migrate to RIMS; and

WHEREAS, Melva has received several letters of appreciation from the public calling her kind, courteous, helpful, and professional as well as commendations from her peers and supervisors about her being a "rock" for the department that can be counted on to go above and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Melva's chain of command recognizes that she has served the community and the department keeping our core values of dedication, excellence, professionalism, unity, trust, integrity, engagement and service front and center in all that she does; and

WHEREAS, Melva's humor, positive attitude, and dedication to her job will be truly missed by everyone that works with her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and Sheriff William Honsal hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Melva Paris's 47 years of dedication to the county and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

Dated: September 27, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair