

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established an employee recognition program to publicly show support to employees for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 our community was faced with monumental challenges including the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as the CZU Lightning Complex fires; and

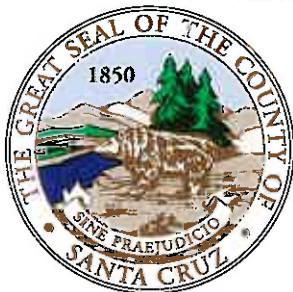
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff in the Sheriff-Coroner's Office worked closely with the Public Health Officer to educate local businesses and community members about the rapidly evolving nature of the health orders, and swiftly implemented numerous new procedures and systems in both the Operations and Corrections Bureau's to better protect the community, staff, and the incarcerated population; and

WHEREAS, staff responded to many social justice civil unrest events which included mutual aid requests from outside the county, while still providing robust services to our community; and

WHEREAS, during the CZU Lightning Complex fires, the Sheriff's Office successfully evacuated 70,000 residents from the San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley and remained in the impacted area for thirty-eight days providing security and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the Sheriff-Coroner's Office for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



*Bruce McPherson*

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date