Resolution No. 2024 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING RENEE GUTIERREZ UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ANIMAL CARE SERVICES DIVISION, WITH OVER 19 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Renee Gutierrez began her career with the Solano County Department of General Services as an Animal Care Specialist Supervisor (Extra Help) on August 16, 2004, and transitioned to full time on March 28, 2005. The position was reclassified to Animal Care Supervisor & Veterinary Technician on September 24, 2006. In July 2011, the Animal Control function moved from General Services to the Sheriff's Office. On June 30, 2019, Renee Gutierrez was promoted to Animal Care Manager, where she served until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez worked for multiple Solano County departments while caring for the animals of Solano County during her 19-year career, including the Department of General Services, and the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez possessed exceptional skills as a Registered Veterinary Technician, excellent customer service skills and used these skills along with her vast historical knowledge of Solano County Animal Care to educate staff, inform the Board of Supervisors and helped the community gain a better understanding of the services Solano County provides to both the resident and the animals; and

WHEREAS, as the Animal Care Manager, Ms. Gutierrez could often still be found cleaning the office, cleaning kennels and helping with surgeries, she also researched, applied for and was awarded several hundred thousand dollars in grant funds for Animal Care Services to enhance community engagement, expand spay and neuter services and the foster program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez initiated agreements with Best Friends Animal Society and the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to evaluate and improve Animal Care Services utilizing industry best practices and to improve outcomes for animals under her care, including realizing a live release rate of 88% in FY2020/21, the highest live release rate Animal Care recorded; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez was a respected and valued member of the Sheriff's Office and will be greatly missed by her friends and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez retires on July 5, 2024, after over 19 years of outstanding and dedicated service to Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Renee Gutierrez for her distinguished service to the residents and animals of Solano County and wishes her success in her future endeavors and a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Dated this 25th day of June 2024