

RESOLUTION
of the
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Supervising Behavioral Health Clinician and Licensed Clinical Social Worker Vesta Wunner is retiring after nearly 26 years with the department; and

WHEREAS, Vesta was hired as a Mental Health Case Manager I in January 1998 and during her tenure at DHHS, Vesta worked as a Senior Case Manager, Social Worker Four-A, Four-C, Social Worker Supervisor II, Mental Health Clinician II, Supervising Mental Health Clinician and ultimately a Supervising Behavioral Health Clinician, the position she is retiring from; and

WHEREAS, Vesta has long been the supervisor of DHHS's Healthy Moms Program which supports women with substance use disorders who are pregnant or parenting a young child and provides intensive outpatient services including assessment, case management, recovery groups and free childcare; and

WHEREAS, one of her staff said since she started working in the Healthy Moms program six years ago, Vesta has always been "consistently patient, gentle and kind," and willing to provide professional guidance; and

WHEREAS, another of her staff said, "Vesta has been one of my biggest cheerleaders and encouraged me to reach further than I ever thought possible," because she sees something in every person that she meets that most others don't— heart and potential; and

WHEREAS, staff said Vesta never wavered from being compassionate, supportive, and respectful to clients and advocated for them in times of desperate need, while simultaneously building them up and empowering them to strive for positive change in their own lives which has helped make her a great leader, teacher, supervisor, and community advocate; and

WHEREAS, colleagues say Vesta has a "heart of gold" and is a fun, loving free spirit who touches souls and stands for what is fair and right and fights for every person to be treated respectfully no matter who they are, because she believes everyone is important.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors, and expresses our gratitude to Vesta Wunner for her years of dedication to the county, her co-workers, and the clients she has served and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

Dated: December 12, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair

