

Resolution No. 04-198

Dated: December 14, 2004

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY of NAPA, STATE of CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Lesco has been employed by the Napa City-County Library for 17 years, beginning in September 1987, as a Library Associate I. She was promoted to Library Associate II in 1989, began performing the responsibilities of a Librarian I in August 2001, and has served as the acting Head of Reference since August 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, after a brief introduction to the Napa City-County Library Reference Department by Librarian Extraordinaire Norm Badion, Barbara was immediately thrust into reference services and survived brilliantly, in spite of the fact that she had never worked in a library before; and

**WHEREAS**, for many years Barbara organized and processed the college catalogs and phone books, commiserated with fellow reference staff on strategies for coping with unusual patrons (such as the hanky man, etc.) and provided a countless number of answers to the entire spectrum of customers and always did so with cheerfulness, graciousness, tactfulness, and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara has made a considerable impact on the collection of materials at the Napa Main Library, which benefits the whole County, by her continuing careful selection of the reference collection, the adult fiction collection, and the DVD, video, books on tape, books on CD, and CD music collections, thus providing customers with the best possible choices; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara's consistent, calming presence provided continuity and a reassuring sense of optimism in periods of major change; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara was one of the three "Loose Ladies of the Library" who instigated many inspired events for the enjoyment of the staff; and

**WHEREAS**, she has made previous attempts to move on to her new home in Oregon, but allowed herself to be dissuaded each time, agreeing to postpone her departure until it was a better time for the Library; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara has consistently and repeatedly, throughout her career at the Napa City-County Library, maintained an absolute determination to provide the best possible library services for the people of Napa County and has earned the deepest appreciation, gratitude, and respect of the library staff and customers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on the occasion of her retirement, the Board of Supervisors, in concert with the Library Commission and Library staff, proclaim that Barbara Lesco has served with great distinction and extend to her our sincere gratitude and praise for her extraordinary career in service to Napa County.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board