

Resolution No. 05-119

Dated: July 26, 2005

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

WHEREAS, Maryellen "Mel" Vander Sluis began her career in 1969 with Napa County as a Social Service Worker I in Public Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Mel remained in Public Welfare until February 1, 1974, at which time she promoted to the position of Psychiatric Social Worker in Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2000, she was again promoted and became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Behavioral Health which is the position she held at retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mel's wonderful leadership skills helped to mold the interns under her guidance into the wonderful social workers that they are today; and

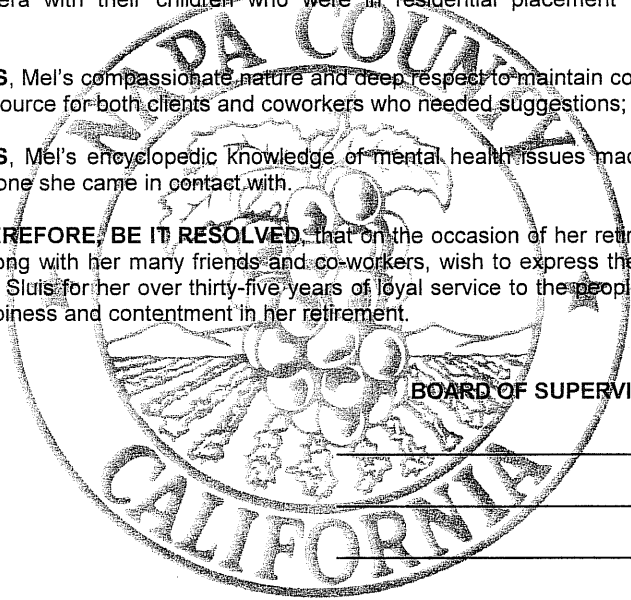
WHEREAS, Mel has always been an incredible advocate for families and has always gone out of her way to make things happen; and

WHEREAS, she single handedly created a system where parents could keep in contact via a computer camera with their children who were in residential placement facilities far from home; and

WHEREAS, Mel's compassionate nature and deep respect to maintain confidentiality made her a valuable resource for both clients and coworkers who needed suggestions; and

WHEREAS, Mel's encyclopedic knowledge of mental health issues made her a valuable resource to everyone she came in contact with.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the occasion of her retirement, the Board of Supervisors along with her many friends and co-workers, wish to express their appreciation to Maryellen Vander Sluis for her over thirty-five years of loyal service to the people of Napa County and wish her happiness and contentment in her retirement.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board