



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RETIREMENT OF MARY BUTLER – February 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Mary Butler, retiring Chief Probation Officer of the Napa County Probation Department has served the County the last 36 years. 17 years of which she served as the well respected Chief Probation Officer, making her the longest-tenured Chief in California and the longest tenured Chief in the County; and

WHEREAS, Mary began her career with Napa County on January 1, 1983 as an Extra Help crisis worker. She has worked in several Supervisor and Manager positions within the Health and Human Services Agency. On November 9, 2002, she was appointed as Chief Probation Officer and was responsible for directing over 130 employees; and

WHEREAS, Mary brought an unique perspective to the position from her years as a leader in the Child Welfare and Mental Health Departments, which helped her embrace concepts of rehabilitation and Evidence Based Practices. Her commitment to staff and clients along with her visionary leadership has helped establish Napa County as a leader in the field of community corrections; and

WHEREAS, Mary initiated and implemented Evidence Based Programs in 2005 to reduce caseload sizes and recidivism. She led historic change in Napa County with the passage of California's Public Safety Realignment Act in 2011 and is responsible for the development and implementation of the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center, the Community Corrections Service Center, the Juvenile Justice Center, the Re-Entry Facility and the Pretrial Program; and

WHEREAS, Mary was known to assist wherever the need arose. She took an interim assignment overseeing the Health and Human Services Agency while continuing to run the Probation Department. Mary worked endless hours, communicating with staff, stopping in on weekends, assisting with night searches and was always available by phone or email, even when vacationing in other countries; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department would like to acknowledge Mary's 36 years of excellent service as a leader, visionary, motivator, teacher, educator, mentor, and someone they are proud to call Chief. She will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Diane Dillon, on behalf of Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize and thank Mary Butler for her 36 years of outstanding and loyal service. We wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Diane Dillon, Chair
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