

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Charmian Klyve
INITIATED BY



Jennifer Thompson
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

December 15, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

TO RECOGNIZE KARLA WALKER NITZ

1 **WHEREAS**, Karla Walker Nitz has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty-two
2 (32) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Karla Walker Nitz began her career on May 17, 1979 as a Social Worker at
5 Rock Haven Nursing Home. While working at the nursing home, she completed assessments
6 with individuals being admitted to the nursing home as well as assisted in discharge planning.
7 In 1981, Ms. Nitz accepted a position at the Health Care Center in the Gero-psychiatric Unit.
8 Again, Ms. Nitz used her Social Work skills to work with residents in this unit with chronic
9 mental illness and difficult behaviors by setting up treatment plans tailored to each behavior.
10 She was also the units Qualified Mental Health Professional. In 1985 Ms. Nitz took her
11 expanded knowledge of mental illness and continued her career in Rock County in the
12 Psychiatric Hospital working with individuals on emergency detentions at the hospital;
13 specifically assessing and monitoring residents with the goal of stabilizing them so that they
14 may go back into the community and live independently. Ms. Nitz also completed the nursing
15 home assessments with mentally ill patients under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
16 1987 (OBRA-87). OBRA-87 assessments put an emphasis on residents' quality of life and
17 care at the nursing home. Finally in 1993, Ms. Nitz became the Chapter 54/55 Court Services
18 worker under the Human Services Department. For the last 18+ years, Ms. Nitz has helped
19 individuals retain any rights appropriate and assisted county and private attorneys through the
20 guardianship and protective placement processes. Her broad knowledge of mental illness and
21 her understanding of state statutes have benefited Rock County for the last 32 years. Ms. Nitz
22 will be retiring from Rock County Department of Human Services on December 31, 2011;
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25 **WHEREAS**, Karla Walker Nitz has proven herself to be a compassionate, caring, and
26 committed employee, advocating on behalf of Rock County residents; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock
29 County, wishes to recognize Karla Walker Nitz for her achievements and significant
30 contributions to the citizens of Rock County and her lifelong and faithful service.
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors,
33 duly assembled this 12 day of January, 2011, does hereby recognize Karla
34 Walker Nitz for her 32 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors;
35 and,
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish
38 a copy of this resolution to Karla Walker Nitz.

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RECOGNIZING KARLA WALKER NITZ

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