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RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 Human Service Board SUBMITTED BY



<u>Melissa Meboe</u> DRAFTED BY

January 30, 2013 DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING CONNIE RYAN

WHEREAS, Connie Ryan has served the citizens of Rock County for over twenty-three (23) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Connie Ryan began her career on April 17, 1990 as a food service worker. After a brief nine months in that role, Ms. Ryan took a position in the Psychiatric Hospital as a Psychiatric Technician. While working in this program, Ms. Ryan worked directly with individuals hospitalized during a mental health emergency, observing, documenting, and providing direct intervention for folks in the hospital setting. In the early 2004, when the Psychiatric Hospital closed, Connie's Psychiatric Technician position moved into the Crisis Intervention Unit. Ms. Ryan accepted her final position in the County as a Psychiatric Technician in this unit. Ms. Ryan's direct contact with individuals in a mental health emergency continued but in a new capacity. Ms. Ryan would meet with individuals who were going to be placed in a hospital setting and completed the admission paperwork with them, assisted them in preparing for transportation to the hospital and often provided that transportation for the individuals. Ms. Ryan also assisted in medication delivery, observation and management with clients in our county CSP and Stabilization programs. Ms. Ryan also performed welfare checks on individuals who were in the Crisis, Stabilization, or CSP programs, thereby assuring the health and safety of the clients; and,

WHEREAS, Connie Ryan had an open ear and willingness to talk to and support callers on the Crisis line. Her compassion and knowledge of mental illness assisted her in her role in determining how to respond to callers and where to draw an important line in assuring clients were accountable for themselves when they had the ability and power to be. Over the years, Ms. Ryan has developed an important relationship with most of the County's long-term mental health consumers. Her presence on the crisis line will be missed by many, both in the unit and in the community. Ms. Ryan will have retired from Rock County Department of Human Services on January 27, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Connie Ryan has proven herself to be a compassionate and caring employee, advocating on behalf of Rock County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize Connie Ryan for her achievements and significant contributions to the citizens of Rock County and her lifelong and faithful service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14 day of February, 2013, does hereby recognize Connie Ryan for her 23 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Connie Ryan.

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