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RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Human Service Board SUBMITTED BY

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May 25, 2016 DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING HAZEL PODAWITZ

1 WHEREAS, Hazel Podawitz has served the citizens of Rock County for over fifteen (15) 2 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

4 WHEREAS, Hazel Podawitz began her career on August 14, 2000 as an Account Clerk II in 5 the Human Services Department, where she carried out a variety of responsibilities including, but not limited to, billing Medical Assistance, Medicare, commercial insurance and other 6 counties for inpatient detox and hospital services, reconciling charges, deposits, data entry, 7 8

collecting and reviewing staff billable timesheets; and,

WHEREAS, a few years later she switched to billing for outpatient services where she continued to perform similar functions, as well as becoming the main contact for clients to call with questions about bills they received: and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Podawitz often had to talk with clients after a crisis or other stressful life event regarding payment, and handled those discussions with a high level of professionalism and maintained a customer service focus; and,

WHEREAS, on behalf of clients and the Department Ms. Podawitz has navigated the complexities of Medical Assistance and Medicare rules and commercial insurance providers to ensure the Department, as much as possible, receives payment for services which provides resources to continue care for all Rock County clients; and,

WHEREAS, during Ms. Podawitz time with Human Services Department she successfully took on the challenge of learning how to utilize three different electronic health record systems for billing as the old systems were phased out and new ones were implemented; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Podawitz retired from the Rock County Human Services Department on May 31, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, during her career with Rock County, Hazel Podawitz has proven herself to be a dedicated employee on behalf of Rock County children and families; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize Hazel Podawitz for her contributions to the citizens of Rock County.

Podawitz for her fifteen (15) 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 Hazel Podawitz.

RECOGNIZING HAZEL PODAWITZ Page 2 Respectfully Submitted, ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD Bran Kniedson Brian Knudson, Chair Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice Chair Karl Dommershausen 1s/ Terry > 15/ Ashley Kleven Kathy Schulz Terry Thomas Absent Shirley Williams COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE J. Russell Podzilni, Chair Sandra Kraft, Vice Cha Brill Jo Bussie Mary Mawhinney Louis Peer