COUNTY OF

Inyo

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER LISA VETTER FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INYO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF INYO COUNTY AND FOR BEING AWARDED THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR BY THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the role of a Deputy Probation Officer has evolved in the last decade to balance accountability with rehabilitation and encouragement to the clients they serve while maintaining public safety. This often requires the DPO to provide direct services to clients; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Probation Officer Lisa Vetter was hired by the Inyo County Probation Department in 2018 and assigned the domestic violence caseload; and

WHEREAS, at the time there was not a 52-week DV program in Inyo County that was utilizing an evidenced-based curriculum nor was there anything available for clients in the south county, forcing them to drive 45-60 minutes each week for class; and

WHEREAS, DPO Vetter took initiative to find a solution, seeking out domestic violence training in order to administer the Corrections Counseling Institute's Moral Reconation Therapy specific to the prevention of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, DPO Vetter created a Court-approved 52-week program that would meet all state mandates pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.097 that could be used by other probation departments as a model; and

WHEREAS, DPO Vetter is the Chair of the local Domestic Violence Council and collaborates with the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Relief After Violent Encounters (RAVE) to assist survivors of domestic violence and is working with the Inyo County Office of Education to provide a teen violence prevention program for youth; and

WHEREAS, because the COVID-19 pandemic was challenging for all clients, including DV offenders, DPO Vetter utilized video conferencing and, when able, would meet with her groups in outdoor venues such as the City Park; and

WHEREAS, DPO Vetter is passionate about providing treatment and education about domestic violence, having spent many hours of personal time becoming an expert in her field to provide needed treatment to domestic violence offenders and create a solution to a growing problem in Inyo County by implementing a successful 52-week DV program; and

WHEREAS, DPO Vetter epitomizes the Inyo County Probation Department motto of Community, Pride, and Progress; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, DPO Lisa Vetter was recognized among thousands of state probation professionals as the Chief Probation Officers of California Central Region and State Employee of the Year for her commitment, dedication, and excellence in *Restoring Trust and Creating Hope*, promoting the probation mission and making our communities a safer place to live.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors commends Deputy Probation Officer Lisa Vetter for her outstanding contributions to the Inyo County Probation Department and service to the citizens of Inyo County and for being awarded the Employee of the Year by the Chief Probation Officers of California.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED this 1st day of March, 2022

