

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, MD, MPH Health Officer and Department Director of Health and Human Services
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: March 16, 2010

SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION-** Approve a Commendation honoring Placer County HHS employee Kristin Siles as the 2010 Northern California, "Social Worker of the Year."

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation honoring Placer County HHS employee Kristin Siles as the 2010 Northern California, "Social Worker of the Year."

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

In coordination with and celebration of National Child Abuse Prevention month this April, the Polly Klaas Foundation has selected Placer County Children Protective Services staff member Kristin Siles, MSW (Master of Social Work) as its Northern California Social Worker of the Year for 2010. Among a team of uniquely dedicated social work professionals and support staff, and using a nationally recognized integrated service model, Placer's Children's System of Care (CSOC) staff successfully serve more than 2,000 young people and their families each year, to be safe, in school, at home and out of trouble.

The Klaas Foundation has helped more than 7,000 families locate missing children and is a world leader in the publishing and distribution of Prevention and Educational information about keeping our children safe and free of exploitation.

Ms. Siles was selected from a group of 350 nominees, in large part due to her extraordinary commitment and professionalism in working with Placer's children and families. She has been a CSOC employee since 2003, and among many successes, has assisted in the safe reunification of more than 225 foster children since 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal cost associated with this item.

In the matter of a Commendation
honoring Placer County HHS Employee, Kristin Siles
as the 2010 Northern California, "Social Worker of the Year."

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is among the county's highest priorities and depends on the involvement of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, when children grow and develop in a safe, caring and nurturing home environment, they are more likely to succeed as adults and make a positive impact in our community; and

WHEREAS, we can fulfill our duty to ensure that every child in our community has a safe and healthy upbringing by working together to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Placer County has many dedicated staff members, who work with tireless commitment and determination to help prevent child maltreatment of all forms, and Placer's child welfare Social Workers each demonstrate unique expertise and commitment in concurrently serving more than 40 children and families to remain safe and together whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, among this team of dedicated Social Workers, Kristin Siles, one of Placer County's team members, was recently nominated and selected to receive national recognition for her efforts in serving children in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Kristin earned her Master's in Social Work (M.S.W.) from California State University, Chico after being inspired through her work with emotionally disturbed children in a residential treatment center; and

WHEREAS, Kristin's professional philosophy has been quoted as believing, "I am able to have a positive impact in the lives of traumatized children by being a good role model and caring individual who is consistently there for them"; and

WHEREAS, Kristin was selected from several hundred candidates all known for doing excellent work with traumatized children.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great joy in honoring Kristin Siles as the Polly Klaas Foundation's 2010 Northern California, "Social Worker of the Year" with appreciation for her commitment and dedication to serving children and families in Placer County.

This Commendation to be presented on March 31, 2010 at the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Leadership Luncheon

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