

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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INITIATED BY



Jennifer Thompson
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

December 5, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING RITA LEYES

WHEREAS, Rita Leyes has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty-seven (37) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Rita Leyes began her career on July 21, 1975 as a limited term employee working in the guardianship program. After a brief six-months in that role, Ms. Leyes took a position in the Adult Services Division working in the Supportive Homecare Program. While working in this program, Ms. Leyes received intake calls and made referrals to the homemakers for the program. Her German speaking background helped in one specific case where she was able to translate for a German-speaking client and helped her receive the home care services she needed from the program. Ms. Leyes also performed welfare checks on individuals who were on the home care program, thereby assuring the health and safety of the clients. In addition to this full-time position, Ms. Leyes worked additional hours by taking the after-hours pager and accepting calls to help children in need of county services. In the early 1980's Ms. Leyes took her final position in the County as the Adult Family Home Coordinator. Starting with a program of approximately only 10 homes, Ms. Leyes reached out into the community and promoted this worthy program. The Rock County Adult Family Home program now has over 80 certified homes and has the capability to serve over 140 adults. Ms. Leyes extensive knowledge of the Adult Family Homes has been an invaluable asset to the Rock County staff she works with, to the homes she certifies, and to the clients who benefit from the program. Ms. Leyes has helped to match hundreds of clients to good homes in Rock County and has encouraged long-lasting relationships. Ms. Leyes has supported the work of Adult Family Home owners through trainings, seminars, coordinator meetings, and "simple" telephone conversations. The Rock County Adult Family Home program is what it is today because of Ms. Leyes passion to make this program larger, her devotion to advocate for both residents and Adult Family Homes, and her love of the job. Ms. Leyes will be retiring from Rock County Department of Human Services on December 28, 2012; and,

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WHEREAS, Rita Leyes 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 Rita Leyes 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 13 day of December, 2012, does hereby recognize Rita Leyes for her 37 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 Rita Leyes.

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