

Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Shirley Cooke from El Paso County Financial Services

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, regrettfully acknowledges the retirement of Shirley Cooke after over 13 years serving in Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooke was hired in April 2006 to work as a Financial Services Administrative Support Technician where she worked for two years before accepting a position as a Finance Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Mrs. Cooke was promoted to Address Book Specialist where her meticulous attention to detail and data entry accuracy were utilized. Her knowledge was essential to the JDE upgrade, where she assisted with testing. She advocated for the use of Taxpayer Identification Number verification software to ensure El Paso County was compliant with the Internal Revenue Service to avoid unnecessary fines; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooke's assistance with streamlining the 1099 process saved hundreds of man hours. Additionally, her tireless work to convert vendors to allow for credit card payments and most recently to convert vendors to allow for ACH payments has been invaluable to the Financial Services team. Mrs. Cooke's work has proven to be the foundation for the Accounts Payable unit. Her knowledge, consideration to the smallest details, and quick turnaround has been vital to the success of the El Paso County Financial Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooke's infectious smile and kind heart has made El Paso County a better place to work. For years, she provided yummy contributions to every potluck and her marvelous Melting Moments cookies were a hit every Christmas. Her friendly face, solid work ethic, and commitment to El Paso County will be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby proclaims its gratitude to Shirley Cooke for her 13 years of dedicated service.

DONE THIS 23rd day of July 2019 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

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