

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/460

Honoring Officer Nicole Kozicki, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, upon the occasion of her retirement,

WHEREAS, Officer Nicole Kozicki has dedicated nearly 30 years of service as a game warden for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kozicki attended the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo as one of the first 13 female recruits and the youngest cadet to graduate from the Fish and Game Academy on June 16, 1989; and

WHEREAS, her tireless investigations of poaching, pollution and environmental crimes have been an example to her fellow wildlife officers in California and to others throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kozicki received the Pogue-Elms Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award in July 2017 from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, their highest honor; and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife selected her as Wildlife Officer of the Year in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kozicki has earned an exceptional reputation in handling complex, large-scale investigations, many of which have involved harm to threatened and endangered species, earning a reputation as an expert in the field of environmental crimes; and

WHEREAS, her tireless pursuit of the truth has resulted in hundreds of acres of mitigated lands being preserved in perpetuity and has generated millions of dollars in fines that in turn are donated to programs that enrich the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kozicki's work with the Fish & Wildlife Committee has contributed to the award of more than a million dollars towards community projects that benefit the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife through the Annual Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Officer Nicole Kozicki for extraordinary service to the protection of the natural environment as a game warden for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in Contra Costa County.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an
action taken
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on
the date
shown.

ATTESTED: August 14, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy