

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster  
INITIATED BY

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DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board  
SUBMITTED BY

May 10, 2018  
DATE DRAFTED



**TO RECOGNIZE ELIZABETH AUSTIN**

1 **WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Austin has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty-eight (38) years  
2 as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Austin began her career on January 21, 1980 in the Economic Support (ES) Division  
5 of the Human Services Department. As an Income Maintenance Worker, Ms. Austin worked with  
6 individuals in need of Medical Assistance and/or "foodstamps." She also assisted families with  
7 children in the "Aide for Families with Dependent Children" program, also known as AFDC. In this  
8 role she interviewed families and submitted eligibility paperwork for entry; and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Austin later transitioned into the "Community Work Experience Program" helping  
11 AFDC recipients obtain work experience so that they might be able to become gainfully employed.  
12 While working in this capacity, Ms. Austin received referrals from Job Service who she would find an  
13 employer willing to provide on-site training and work experience. Ms. Austin followed each  
14 individual for 3-4 months, with the goal of the participant receiving enough work experience they  
15 could become employed; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, two years later, Ms. Austin returned to assisting individuals in obtaining Medical  
18 Assistance and "foodshare" specifically in the Elderly, Blind and Disabled Adult (EBD) unit; and,  
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20 **WHEREAS**, in December 1995, Ms. Austin became an Economic Support Specialist in the Long  
21 Term Care unit assisting individuals entering a Nursing Home with Medical Assistance eligibility. In  
22 addition, Ms. Austin worked closely with the Developmental Disabilities Board and the Long Term  
23 Support division with Medical Assistance eligibility for the Waiver programs; and,  
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25 **WHEREAS**, in March 2013, Ms. Austin began working in the Aging and Disability Resource Center  
26 (ADRC) as an Information & Assistance Specialist. While in the ADRC, Ms. Austin provided elderly  
27 and disabled adults with service options available to help keep them independent in the community.  
28 She also played an essential role in the transition to the Family Care program; providing enrollment  
29 counseling to hundreds of people; and,  
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31 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Austin has decided to retire from Rock County after 38 years of dedicated service on  
32 June 1, 2018; and,  
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34 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Austin has shown a variety of skill and knowledge for the clients she has served in  
35 Rock County. She has especially demonstrated her proficiency when assisting individuals with  
36 Medical Assistance eligibility. Ms. Austin also shared her wisdom with fellow co-workers-always  
37 willing to review a case and provide her input. Her time and talent will be missed; and,  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes  
40 to recognize Elizabeth Austin for her achievements and significant contributions to the citizens of Rock  
41 County and her many dedicated years of service.  
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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly  
44 assembled this *24th* day of *May* does hereby recognize Elizabeth Austin for her 38 years of  
45 service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

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