

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Phil Boutwell
INITIATED BY



Stacey Speich
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Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

May 9, 2016
DATE DRAFTED

TO RECOGNIZE LEE PETERSON

1 **WHEREAS**, Lee Peterson has served the citizens of Rock County for over eighteen (18) years as a
2 dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson began her career on May 26, 1998 as a Social Worker in the Child
5 Protective Services Division. She started in a float position and within three months was hired as an
6 ongoing worker. During her time served, she has enjoyed working with families as she liked
7 developing professional relationships with the families that she served and was truly amazed by her
8 client's abilities to make the changes that were needed despite the tremendous obstacles they were
9 faced with. She found herself developing a great deal of respect for the families she worked with as
10 they were very adaptable to making the needed changes to ensure their children's safety. Ms. Peterson
11 found that her work in Ongoing was a "leveling experience." Practicing in Ongoing was likely Ms.
12 Peterson's greatest passion. She worked in Ongoing for approximately 10 years and was promoted to
13 an Ongoing Supervisor in 2008. She became a leader within her team and within the division. She
14 found that the art of supervising CPS staff was having the ability to promote professional growth while
15 always pointing out her staff's strengths as well as areas of needed improvement. Ms. Peterson
16 transitioned to an Access/Initial Assessment Supervisor in 2014. She thought of this transition as
17 "moving out of her comfort zone as a comfort zone can be a dead zone." She believed it was never too
18 late to learn a new set of skills. She indicated that she found this type of work to be "fascinating,
19 difficult and rich work." She enjoyed her supervisory team which brought all sorts of knowledge and
20 skills to the table. In this supervisory role, Ms. Peterson showed a high degree of adaptability and
21 willingness to assist her colleagues as much as she possibly could. She had a commitment to her
22 colleagues and she will be remembered for her kindness and her willingness to assist others throughout
23 CPS; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson went into the Profession of Social Work after raising her own children.
26 She attended college as a nontraditional student as she wanted to advocate for those that did not have a
27 voice. Ms. Peterson also had spent a lot of time volunteering in her community which also sparked her
28 interest with going into the Social Work field. Ms. Peterson has always felt a strong need to challenge
29 herself and has definitely demonstrated her ability to master many areas within CPS; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson has demonstrated through her actions her belief in the mission of the Social
32 Work profession; rooted in core values to include: service delivery, social justice, dignity & self-worth,
33 importance of human relationships, integrity and competence; and,
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35 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson has proven herself to be a dedicated and outstanding employee, serving on
36 behalf of Rock County residents, and will be retiring from Rock County Department of Human
37 Services on Friday, June 3, 2016; and,
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes
40 to recognize Lee Peterson for her achievements and significant contributions to the citizens of Rock
41 County and her lifelong and faithful service.
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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
44 assembled this 26th day of MAY, 2016, does hereby recognize Lee Peterson for her 18 years
45 of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy
48 of this resolution to Lee Peterson.

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