



**RECOGNIZING EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION OF
BARBARA SOBALVARRO, PRESIDENT - FRIENDS OF ANIMAL SERVICES
AND HONORING HER FOR 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Barbara Sobalvarro was instrumental in the creation and passage of Measure A in 1978 creating a local Animal Control Program in Antioch; and

WHEREAS, Barbara founded Friends of Animal Services (FOAS) in 1979 to ensure the citizens and animals of Antioch have a truly humane, high quality animal shelter that focuses on a "Life Ethic" promoting the placement of the shelter animals into caring and capable homes, thus ending the practice of "elective euthanasia"; and

WHEREAS, FOAS has worked tirelessly to secure outside funding specifically for the shelter animals of Antioch through tax-deductible donations from the public, and as one of four recipients of the Shirley Perry Foundation Charitable Trust; and

WHEREAS, FOAS continually promotes public awareness for the Antioch Animal Shelter, the value of animal life and the importance of spay and neuter through monthly advertisements in the newspaper, via social media, and at community events; and

WHEREAS, FOAS celebrates animal life and their commitment to reverence for life by hosting monthly hospitality days to welcome the public at the Antioch Animal Shelter in order to increase shelter pet adoptions; and

WHEREAS, FOAS sponsors adoption fees at various times throughout the year to relieve overcrowding in the shelter, prevent euthanasia, and to assist new adoptive owners with the expense of adding a new pet into the home; and

WHEREAS, FOAS, in an effort to improve the likelihood for adoption, funds specialized and emergency veterinary care, supplies and equipment that would otherwise be impossible for our shelter animals due to budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, FOAS believes in working together to create a better world for our precious animal friends; one in which they are treasured with tenderness and compassion. As Barbara would say, "Seldom does a heart feel better than when you save the life of one of our animal friends."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SEAN WRIGHT, Mayor of the City of Antioch,
do hereby congratulate Barbara Sobalvarro and the Friends of Animal Services on the occasion of 40
years of outstanding service to the citizens and animals of Antioch.**

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

SEAN WRIGHT, Mayor