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WELD COUNTY RECOGNIZES JUDY GRIEGO FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

WELD COUNTY, CO – During their Wednesday meeting, the Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized Judy Griego, Weld County Department of Human Services (DHS) Director, for her 40-years of employment with the county. Griego oversees the administration of programs such as public assistance, child and adult protection, child support, employment programs and other community support programs.



From left: Commissioner Sean Conway, Commissioner Julie Cozad, Director of Human Services Judy Griego, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Mike Freeman and Commissioner Steve Moreno.

Griego began her career with the county in May of 1975 as a Contracts and Grants Officer for Head Start, Community Action, Senior Nutrition and Employment and Training programs. Since then, Griego has worked her way up through many positions within DHS and was promoted to Director of the department on May 1, 1991.

"I can wholeheartedly say working with Judy is an honor and a privilege," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "Her work ethic and dedication to the residents of Weld County is phenomenal."

In 1982, Weld County was selected to participate in a national pilot program for Employment and Training Services for individuals receiving public assistance. Griego was instrumental in the program, which ultimately led to the development and implementation of an innovative welfare reform program in Weld County.

The Commissioners also recognized employees from the Accounting Department, Assessor's Office, Board of County Commissioners Office, Department of Buildings & Grounds, Clerk & Recorder's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Health Department, Department of Human Services, Planning Department, Department of Public Works and Sheriff's Office for their 10, 20 or 30 years of service to Weld County.

- 46 employees received their 10-year pin
- 14 employees received their 20-year pin
- 6 employees received their 30-year pin

"Judy does a fantastic job leading a very large department," said Commissioner Julie Cozad, coordinator for DHS. "She is incredibly knowledgeable and looked up to in her field, and the Board truly thanks her for her service."

"I have great respect and admiration for Judy," said Don Warden, Director of Finance and Administration. "She has the desire and vision to not only make the Department of Human Services a better place but also all of Weld County."

Under Griego's direction, a number of initiatives and approaches to better aid residents receiving public assistance have been developed. Griego currently serves on multiple committees including United Way and the Health Alliance Board.

For more information about the Department of Human Services, visit www.weldgov.com.



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