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January 7, 2005

To: Each Supervisor

From: Michael J. Henry
Director of Personnel

Subject: **COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2005**

It is a pleasure to announce the selection of John Thompson as the January 2005 County Employee of the Month.

- John Thompson has more than six years of employment with the County of Los Angeles, and is currently a Deputy Probation Officer II for the Placement Operation Division of the Probation Department.

- Working as the Housing Intake Coordinator with Emancipation Services, Mr. Thompson is responsible for screening and placing former foster youth with mental health issues, pregnant minors, or difficult to place youth into special needs emancipation housing programs.

- As a result of his diligence and hard work, Mr. Thompson has expanded the Probation Department's access to beds from 40 to over 150 for this difficult population by collaborating with the Departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health and the Community Development Commission.

- Mr. Thompson attends and supports all community-sponsored events within his neighborhood and is an active member of his church.

We have arranged an agenda item to recognize the Employee of the Month at your Board meeting on January 18, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. A scroll has been ordered, to be signed by all Board members, for presentation by the Chair.

MJH:STS
SWB:pc

c: Paul Higa, Interim Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department Services
Virginia Snapp, Bureau Chief
Probation Department
David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Administrative Office
Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
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