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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Sue Hoek, District 4

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition for Chief Brian Estes for his 35 years of service and leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Present the Certificate of Recognition

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors is pleased to honor CAL FIRE Unit Chief Brian Estes for his remarkable 35-year career in fire service, marked by outstanding leadership and dedication to the safety of communities across California and beyond.

Chief Estes began his firefighting career as a Firefighter I in southeast San Diego County and later joined a CAL FIRE helicopter crew in Tuolumne County, promoting to Fire Apparatus Engineer in the Amador El Dorado Unit. Over the years, Chief Estes advanced through key leadership roles, including Assistant Chief of Operations, Deputy Chief of Operations, and ultimately Unit Chief for the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit and Fire Chief of the Placer County Fire Department.

Chief Estes' service extended beyond California's borders. In 2023, he deployed to Maui, Hawaii, to assist the Hawaiian government following the devastating Lahaina wildland-urban interface fire, and later that year, he represented CAL FIRE in Germany—collaborating with international fire services and presenting on emerging global fire challenges.

Chief Brian Estes' 35 years of public service exemplify integrity, courage, and commitment to protecting lives and communities. His impact on California's fire service will continue to inspire the next generation of firefighters.

Therefore, I request that the Board of Supervisors present the attached Certificate of Recognition to Chief Brian Estes for his years of incredible leadership, service, and his dedication to public safety.

Sincerely,

Sue Hoek
District 4 Supervisor

Item Initiated: Lisa Lane, Administrative Analyst II
Approved: Tine Mathiasen, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: November 3, 2025