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MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey Thorsby, Chief of Staff / Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition for Steve Monaghan for 25 years of public service for our County

RECOMMENDATION: Present the Certificate of Recognition.

FUNDING: None

BACKGROUND:

Steve has served our County for 25 years. While he served his career as the Director of the Information and General Services Agency (IGS), the agency has grown exponentially under his visionary leadership. Steve has positively impacted our County in countless ways and those impacts will be enduring.

Steve's leadership extends across numerous transformative projects. He spearheaded energy conservation initiatives, implementing over \$15 million in energy and solar projects while guiding the County's energy plan and a community energy action plan. He negotiated the acquisition of vital properties, including commercial buildings and vacant lots, liquidated the County's 125-year-old hospital campus, and led the concept-to-completion development of the \$18 million County Operations Center. He also worked with the community to establish the Oak Park District, creating a new community park.

In the realm of technology, Steve positioned Nevada County as a national leader in digital government, earning top rankings in the National Digital Counties Survey for over 20 consecutive years. He implemented IT governance frameworks, modernized the County's IT systems, and drove broadband expansion initiatives through strategic partnerships and local grant programs. His passion for community engagement culminated in the creation of a state-of-the-art technology center at the library, which was brought to life through partnerships, grants, and donations. Steve also established a robust cybersecurity program and developed a statewide credentialing initiative for IT leaders, teaching extensively on leadership topics.

Beyond his operational accomplishments, Steve expanded the Office of Emergency Services from a one-person team to a highly effective organization, driving the award-winning Ready Nevada County program. He successfully led efforts to renew and double the library's 15-year sales tax initiative, negotiated multi-jurisdictional cable franchise agreements that enhanced local infrastructure, and supported the creation of the Nevada County Media Center.

Steve's work has earned him numerous accolades, including California Public CIO of the Year, recognition as a Top 25 Doer, Dreamer, and Driver of Technology in Government, and the Visionary Award for IT Leadership, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) President's Award for his work on behalf of rural counties and, most recently, the 2024 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Circle of Service Award for his dedication to County Government. His legacy is defined not by any single project but by the enduring success of the IGS agency and the talented staff he inspired.

The certificate offers formal recognition and thanks for Steve's 25 years with Nevada County and his many accomplishments.

Item Initiated: Mandy Stewart, Administrative Analyst II
Approved: Jeffrey Thorsby, Chief of Staff / Clerk of the Board
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