

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jerry Karnow

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Warden Jerry Karnow on his retirement. Warden Karnow began his public service as a firefighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in 1984, which included serving on the line for ten days in the 49er Fire in 1988.

In 1989, Mr. Karnow joined law enforcement as a Reserve Game Warden with the California Department of Fish and Game in San Louis Obispo County, and in 1990 transferred to Los Angeles County, wherein he had multiple assignments including three years with the Department's Marine Unit, patrolling the offshore waters, bays and estuaries of Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Warden Karnow subsequently served at various locations in California before moving to Nevada County in 2004 wherein he served with distinction, executing the Department's public trust mandate for protecting the natural resources for the benefit of Nevada County and all of California's citizens. He has been awarded numerous outstanding peace officer awards.

His official duties in Nevada County have required Warden Karnow to work closely with County officers and staff including the District Attorney, Sheriff's Office, Nevada County Courts, Animal Control and the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission, as well as Federal agencies including the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. As a game warden, he donated thousands of hours beyond his normal shifts, using FBI-type detective skills to resolve hundreds of poaching cases. One such case was profiled on national television and attracted attention to California's force of game wardens from across America.

It is universally acknowledged that Warden Karnow performed his duties with diligence and professionalism in the best traditions of law enforcement and community service, and has been one of the state's most effective advocates for fishing and wildlife conservation and enforcement. And in addition to a long, illustrious career, Warden Karnow found the time to serve as President and Legislative Liaison for the California Fish and Game Warden's Association working with the Legislature and the Governor's administration.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors thanks Warden Jerry Karnow on the occasion of his retirement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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