

## **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Dr. Roger Hicks & Linda Rachmel**

**May 23, 2023**

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Roger Hicks, MD, and his wife, Linda Rachmel, RN, for founding and operating Yubadocs Urgent Care for more than twenty-two years.

Before Yubadocs established the first urgent care clinic in western Nevada County in August 2000, if a person needed to see a doctor and the family physician was unavailable, there was only one option: the emergency department. Yubadocs Urgent Care clinic was different: faster, less expensive than a visit to the hospital, plus you could walk in without an appointment or even insurance. Thousands of County residents have visited Yubadocs for everything from minor injuries to acute illnesses – all handled with care and compassion.

Yubadocs has been a reliable County partner. When employees suffered an injury on the job, Yubadocs handled their workers compensation cases. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Hicks joined medical leaders across the County to advocate for a rapid and coordinated approach to protect public health.

Drawn to Nevada County by the Yuba River, Dr. Hicks brought an impressive resume with his move to Nevada County. He earned his BA from Brown University and his MD from Cornell University Medical College. He completed his Family Practice residency at UC Davis, and became board certified in Family Practice and Emergency Medicine. He was a Director of the Urgent Care Association of America from 2011 to 2017, and served on its Executive Committee, and as its Treasurer and then Secretary. He is the founding President and current board member of the California Urgent Care Association.

Yubadocs' name is inspired by the Yuba River, which has provided many a healing experience. When the South Yuba River was threatened by dams in the early 1980s, Roger and Linda were among the founders of SYRCL, the South Yuba River Citizens League, stepping up to save the river and winning state Wild & Scenic Rivers status in the process. When SYRCL started, its' "office phone" was their home number; later this year, SYRCL will celebrate its fortieth anniversary.

For their dedication to providing quality urgent care for our residents and visitors, and for their community leadership on behalf of the Yuba River and so much more, the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors commends Dr. Roger Hicks and Linda Rachmel for their more than two decades of service, treating thousands of patients for ills great and small.

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