

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
**Executive Director of FREED**  
**Ana Acton**

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Ana Acton for many years of dedicated public service to the citizens, seniors and disabled communities of Nevada County.

As Executive Director of FREED Center for Independent Living for the past nine (9) years, Ana Acton has demonstrated unwavering leadership and dedication to the aging and disability communities of Nevada County. Her advocacy in promoting independence and inclusivity has expanded opportunities and enriched the lives of the good people of Nevada County, making the community better through the strength of diversity.

Throughout her tenure, Ana has promoted FREED’s mission to promote independence and self-determination for people with disabilities through person-driven services, collaborative community partnerships, education, and leadership that advocates for fully inclusive communities. Ana served as FREED’s program manager and systems change advocate from 2004 to 2007. She served as Executive Director from 2007 to 2010, where she then served as Chief of the Independent Living and Assistive Technology Section for the California Department of Rehabilitation for two years before returning as FREED’s Executive Director in 2012.

Amongst her many accomplishments, Ana spearheaded the development of the Nevada County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). As one of only six ADRC’s in the state of California and the only rural ADRC Nevada County has benefited from enhanced coordination and services for older adults and people with disabilities. Ana also partnered with the Office of Emergency Services in the County’s response to Public Safety Power Shutoffs that disproportionately impacted families and individuals with disabilities, as well as provided coordination in response to wildfires and emergency evacuations. As Executive Director, she worked closely with Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency addressing homelessness and meeting the needs of the community by administering various programs including but not limited to the California Department of Social Services Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP), FREED Fix It Program to provide critical standard of living services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and served as a conduit for human connection via the Friendly Visitor and Phone Reassurance Programs in partnership with Nevada County Behavioral Health and Health and Human Services to visit or contact by phone isolated individuals with disabilities and seniors alike.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors thanks and congratulates Ana Acton on her many years of dedicated service to the citizens, seniors and disabled communities of Nevada County

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