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**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Heidi Hall

**SUBJECT:** Certificate of Recognition recognizing Katharine L. Elliott and her years of exemplary public service as Nevada County Counsel

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Present the Certificate of Recognition.

**FUNDING:** None

**BACKGROUND:**

Katharine “Kit” Elliott began her tenure with Nevada County in 2019, bringing extensive legal experience from Mendocino County. From the start, she provided steady, strategic counsel to the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, county departments, and commissions. Her arrival coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic, during which she played a critical role in emergency response, policy overhauls, and updating the Nevada County Code to enhance clarity and public access.

Kit’s leadership has been instrumental in many of Nevada County’s most challenging matters, including the ongoing litigation involving Rise Grass Valley, Inc. and the proposed reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine. Kit brought significant statewide experience from her time as Mendocino County Counsel. Following the devastating 2017 fires, she and Sonoma County Counsel initiated litigation against PG&E and coordinated a coalition of twelve counties, including Nevada County, to support wildfire victims and drive accountability. In addition, she spearheaded Mendocino County’s participation in the multi-district opioid litigation and continued that work on behalf of Nevada County, helping to secure millions in funding to support treatment and recovery services for individuals suffering from opioid addiction.

Before her County Counsel roles, Kit spent nearly 30 years in criminal defense, conducting nearly 100 jury trials and serving on two statewide defense boards. Her background shaped a practice grounded in compassion, determination, and a clear

sense of justice. That same combination of technical expertise and humanity defined her work in Nevada County, where she became known for her fierce, feisty, and fearless approach to the law.

Kit also brought a notable openness and accessibility to her work. She treated each person with respect and genuine attention, embodying Nevada County's commitment to transparency and service. Her leadership extended beyond the County as well. Kit served as President of the County Counsels' Association of California, representing all 58 counties and strengthening statewide collaboration. Within her own department, she fostered a culture of teamwork, accountability, and thoughtful problem solving, mentoring her attorneys and building a cohesive, service-oriented team.

Reflecting on her career, Kit often speaks of the community and camaraderie she found in each office she served. Nevada County has benefited greatly from her intelligence, her humor, and her unmistakable ability to move things forward.

Therefore, I request that the Board of Supervisors present the attached Certificate of Recognition to Kit Elliott for her extraordinary contributions as Nevada County Counsel and for her enduring impact on this County and its residents.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Heidi Hall  
District 1