



# Proclamation

IN HONOR OF

## RHEA GIANNOTTI

ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE LASSEN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI began her practice of the law in Lassen County in May of 1993 working on family law and criminal defense matters as an associate in the law office of David Edlow and soon continued her work in the law office of Frank Cady; and
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI was hired as the Lassen County Senior Deputy Public Defender on June 3, 2002; talent and hard work, quickly recognized, caused her promotion on October 2, 2002, to Assistant Public Defender; and
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI was appointed to the position of Lassen County Public Defender on October 18, 2011, after 18 years of preparation, where she has served faithfully until her retirement on August 9, 2019; and,
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI, as the Lassen County Public Defender and consistent with the United States Supreme Court Case of *Gideon vs Wainwright*, her choice of career was to represent people who had been charged with crimes, some very serious, who could not afford to hire a lawyer for themselves. Many of her clients were a challenge in every way imaginable, to even the most skilled advocate; and
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI, as a natural extension of serving as the Lassen County Public Defender, has been exposed to sick persons, physical and otherwise, threats of physical harm, and likely countless invitations to act unethically; and,
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI, despite these challenges and many more, fought every day to make sure that a system that was so heavily resourced in favor of the government did not forget that individual people, no matter who they were, where they came from, how reprehensible was the behavior they engaged in, were entitled to an advocate, and to be judged fairly; and,
- Whereas,** RHEA GIANNOTTI, despite these challenges faced by this choice of careers, and public service generally, always maintained her pleasant disposition, her unwavering adherence to the code of ethics, and lastly, but most importantly, her diverse and fun collection of socks!

~~Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,~~ by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, that RHEA GIANNOTTI be commended for over 17 years of service to Lassen County and that the Board of Supervisors wishes her well for many years to come.

The foregoing Proclamation was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 20th day of August 2019 at Susanville, California.



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Namesake of Lassen County

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