



PROCLAMATION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

In Recognition of

Don Ashton

For His Outstanding Public Service

WHEREAS, Don Ashton's long and distinguished career in public service began in Los Angeles County, where, immediately after graduation from Cal State-Northridge, he was a Health Inspector, checking restaurants for sanitation compliance and occasionally making his way, for safety reasons, into Academy Awards dinners to ensure that crab legs and Champagne were held at proper temperatures; and

WHEREAS, after 17 years and numerous promotions in Los Angeles, Don attained the position of Deputy Executive Officer for the County's Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it was the love of a childhood friend that led Don to make a geographic detour from a promising career in Los Angeles to a new one in El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, Don began work in El Dorado, only a few days after his wedding in January 2011, as fiscal officer for the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Don moved to the Chief Administrative Office as an analyst, and then to the Health and Human Services Agency, which he served first as Director of Administration and Finance and later as Department Head, ultimately becoming El Dorado County's Chief Administrative Officer in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, Don has during his tenure in El Dorado County cultivated productive relationships among departments, between the County and external agencies, and with constituents; and

WHEREAS, Don has encouraged his subordinates to develop their career skills and pursue advancement opportunities, even when their advancement meant inconvenience to himself or his own office; and

WHEREAS, Don has throughout his career displayed the highest levels of professionalism, kindness and personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, Don’s devotion to his job was rarely more apparent than after a mountain-biking accident that left him with multiple broken bones, after which he took only a single sick day and then returned to work, ignoring supervisors’ pleas to go home; and

WHEREAS, Don’s dedication to the betterment of his community has extended far beyond the scope of his County employment, including volunteer service on nonprofit boards,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does, with deep appreciation and gratitude, recognize Don Ashton for his long and significant contributions to the County and for a career throughout which he has exemplified the “Gold Standard in Public Service.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 21st day of February, 2023.

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By : _____
Deputy Clerk Wendy Thomas, Chair, Board of Supervisors