



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

E-1

For the meeting of: May 2, 2017

Date: April 24, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Resolution recognizing Sheriff Mike Downey on his retirement

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Sheriff Mike Downey is retiring from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office on May 6, 2017. The Board of Supervisors would like to recognize and comment Sheriff Downey for his years of service and commitment to the citizens of Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Handwritten signature of Rex Bohn

Prepared by Kathy Hayes, Signature Rex Bohn
REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other Special Presentation (5 min)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

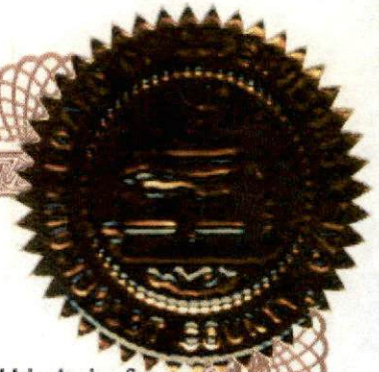
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays
Abstain
Absent

Board Order No.
Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: May 2, 2017
By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Downey was a reserve Deputy Sheriff for San Diego County and his desire for a full time Law Enforcement career inspired him to accept a job as a Humboldt County Deputy Sheriff and move his family to Humboldt County on April 13, 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Downey was assigned to the Marijuana Eradication Team and was promoted to Field Training Officer in the Special Services Division where he trained several new deputy sheriff on April 3, 1988. Sheriff Downey received several certificates of recognition for outstanding service from the Department of Justice for his work on the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting. Sheriff Downey was promoted to Sheriff's Corporal on June 7, 1992, and because of his natural leadership ability was immediately made acting Sheriff's patrol Sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 1994, Sheriff Downey moved his family to Shelter cove and became the Resident Deputy, where he established strong community ties that still can be found today. Three years later Sheriff Downey was promoted to the rank of Sheriff's Sergeant assigned to the Garberville Station, where he made a significant impact to community policing in the Southern Humboldt area, and he was subsequently awarded the Outstation Deputy of the Year in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2003 Sheriff Downey was promoted to the rank of Sheriff's Lieutenant in charge of North Area Command patrol operations. Sheriff Downey was devoted in his professional training and development, he was awarded the California Police Officer's Standards and Training's Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, Management, Executive Certificates, and he also graduated from the POST Command College. His impeccable character paved the way to a promotion to Undersheriff and served under Sheriff Gary Philp; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2011, Sheriff Downey took the oath of office as the Sheriff of Humboldt County. Sheriff Downey is a role model for excellence in professionalism and community policing. He has served this community through the Eureka Rotary Club, The Red Cross Board of Directors for 6 years, Served as President of the Law Enforcement Chief's Associations of Humboldt, and the Board of Directors for the California State Sheriff's; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Downey touts his greatest personal accomplishment as being his 37 year marriage to his wife Annette, their 6 children and 9 Grandchildren. His greatest professional accomplishments were the consolidation of the Coroner's Office and the State DOJ Drug Task Force with the Office of the Sheriff. He was able to increase staffing in Corrections and Operations through Measure Z funding. HCSO was able to open a new substation in Willow Creek and expand the resident Deputy Programs throughout the county. Above all he values the personal relationships he established with the staff of the Sheriff's Office. In the 31 years of service to the people of Humboldt County he has received numerous commendations, letters of appreciation, and awards for his community minded focus and professional, friendly service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Supervisors, and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks Sheriff Mike Downey for his dedicated years of selfless service to the citizens of Humboldt County and wish him and his family a long, productive, well deserved retirement on the Lake or on a Beach in Mexico.

Dated: May 2, 2017

*Virginia Bass*  
Virginia Bass, Chair