

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

in honor of

DENNIS GRIFFIN

WHEREAS, Dennis Griffin was hired as a full-time Correctional Officer I on January 26, 1998 by Sheriff Dennis Lewis; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1999, Dennis Griffin was promoted to the rank of Correctional Officer II; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2000, Dennis Griffin was promoted to the rank of Senior Correctional Deputy; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2008, Dennis Griffin was promoted to the rank of Correctional Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2019, Dennis Griffin was promoted to his current rank of Correctional Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, Dennis Griffin will be retiring after 27+ years of service with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Lieutenant Griffin has held the role of Defensive Tactics instructor, SERT member, leader and manager, PREA coordinator, ADA coordinator, Opioid task force member, OES operations manager, Senior Classification Officer, and Administrative Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Lieutenant Griffin has been a member of the recruitment team, department training committee, use of force committee, and crisis intervention team; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 Lieutenant Griffin received an accommodation for his role as a task force member responsible for a comprehensive revision of the Core Course training for Corrections Officers for the entire state of California; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Lieutenant Griffin was recognized as a Crisis Intervention Training Responder of the Year for his dedication to building teamwork between mental health professionals and law enforcement for the betterment of those we serve in the community with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Lieutenant Griffin has received numerous accommodations and letters of appreciation from the public and those partner agencies he has worked with throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Griffin was instrumental in the development and mentorship of hundreds of Correctional Deputies over the years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Griffin will be known for his incredible patience, long conversations, problem solving, even keeled (most of the time), and incredible wealth of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Griffin, throughout his career, worked countless hours of overtime to help with staffing shortages and even as a manager spent extra hours ensuring those he lead never had a problem go unsolved or a question unanswered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commend and thank Correctional Lieutenant Dennis Griffin for his dedicated 27+ years of selfless service to the citizens of Humboldt County and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. We wish him well in his retirement.



November 18, 2025

Mike Wilson, Chair