

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing the Life of  
Douglas Dunn – Honoring his years of Humble  
Service and Unwavering Advocacy for Mental  
& Behavioral Health Reform in Contra Costa  
County & throughout California.**

Resolution No. 2025-303

**WHEREAS**, Douglas William Dunn was born on October 24, 1952, known to many as Doug. He dedicated his life to advocating for Mental and Behavioral Health reform; and

**WHEREAS**, Doug was a passionate and steadfast advocate for mental health awareness, tirelessly working to break the stigma surrounding mental illness; and he was devoted to his wife Linda and worked with her for many years as a Family-to-Family teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the most informed community advocates who attended state meetings, read documents, analyzed data and then spoke from the heart and with passion about the need to support people with serious mental health challenges to live a life outside of institutions and in community with family and friends; and through his voice, compassion, and quiet determination, Doug served as a beacon of hope for those struggling in silence, offering encouragement, understanding, and unwavering support; and

**WHEREAS**, even with little fanfare or recognition, Doug made a lasting impact on individuals and communities, showing that small acts of kindness and advocacy can lead to powerful change; and his efforts helped to spark important conversations around mental well-being, resilience, and the need for accessible mental health resources for all. He was instrumental in bringing Laura's Law to Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the legacy of Doug lives on in those he supported, inspired, and uplifted, reminding us all of the power of empathy, listening, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Mental Health Commissioner as the Chair of the Finance Committee; Doug was a fierce Mental Health Advocate and served on the NAMI CC board in the role of 1st Vice President. Doug was charged with sharing legislative updates at NAMI monthly board and general meetings; and

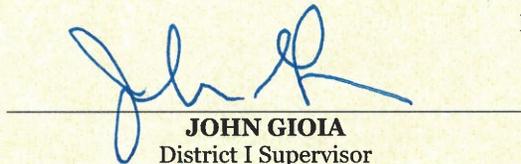
**WHEREAS**, Doug spearheaded NAMI's efforts to have the Assisted Outpatient Treatment offered in this county. In 2017 Doug Dunn was hired by NAMI CC as a valuable member of our Family Volunteer Network staff; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honors the life and legacy of Douglas Dunn, celebrating his contribution to serving his family, friends and the community in Contra Costa County and across California.

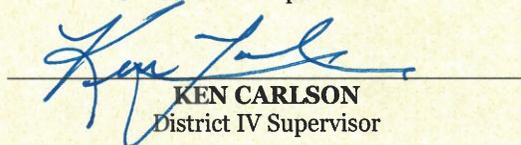
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.*



**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
Chair,  
District II Supervisor



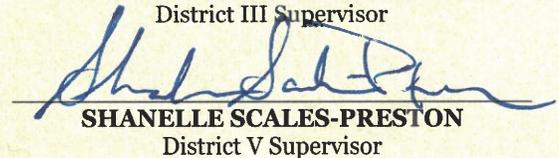
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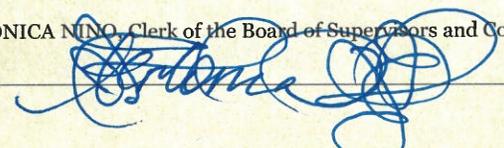
**SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON**  
District V Supervisor



hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: September 16, 2025

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy