

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dr. Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H., Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health and Human Services Department

DATE: June 13, 2006

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION** – Approve a Resolution for Richard (Rick) A. Saletta, Program Chief, Children’s System of Care, with the Health and Human Services Department, for 24 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Placer County.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Resolution commending Rick for his 24 years plus as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

**BACKGROUND**

Rick began his career with Placer County on August 2, 1982. He has now formally retired as the Program Chief for the Children’s System of Care for the Health and Human Services Department (HHS). Rick was one of several original founders of the System Management, Advocacy and Resource Team (SMART) Policy Board and the Children’s System of Care, an integrated multi-agency service system, jointly governed by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Probation, Superior Court and the County Office of Education. In conjunction with Raymond Merz, Richard Couzens, Sandra Goodwin, Joel Sorum and Gerald Harper, Rick Saletta designed and implemented this visionary service concept, providing comprehensive services for children and families. His endless energy, guidance and mentoring of staff helped to create one of the most innovative children and family service systems in California. Rick was also recognized statewide as a leader in children’s mental health services. He was a co-founder of the California Mental Health Alliance for Children and Youth and participated on numerous statewide task forces and committees for the improvement of children and family services. Rick has many talents, including creativity, persistence, insightful analysis, and integrity all of which have played a critical role with HHS and Placer County. He was a role model to those having the privilege to know and work with him, a privilege that shall continue to reflect a positive influence long after his retirement from Placer County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

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**RESOLUTION**

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**In the matter of a Resolution  
Commending Richard A. Saletta, Program Chief,  
Children's System of Care for 24 years of dedicated  
service to the children and families of Placer County.**

**Resolution No. 2006-**

The following Resolution was adopted by the Placer County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006, all members present voting aye:

**Bill Santucci, Supervisor District One; Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District Two; Jim Holmes, Supervisor District Three; Edward "Ted" M. Gaines, Supervisor District Four and Bruce Krausz, Supervisor District Five**

**WHEREAS**, Rick Saletta, has been a valued manager demonstrating vision, leadership, and foresight in Placer County for 24 years, and

**WHEREAS**, following the beginning of Rick's career with Placer County in 1982, as the Chief of Children's Mental Health Services, Rick was recognized for his leadership and commitment to the comprehensive needs of children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick's commitment to improve the lives for children and families is driven by integrity and the dedication to provide mental health and social services in a manner that is comprehensive, integrated, respectful and effective; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has demonstrated a great deal of cross-system wisdom and knowledge in the development of the System Management, Advocacy and Resource Team (SMART) Children's System of Care, which integrated numerous agency services into a single multi-service agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick's many talents, his loyalty and integrity have played a critical part in the continued growth of the Children's System of Care; his technical system knowledge, his visionary skills and his leadership, along with his ability to deal with people at all levels has truly been an asset to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has worked tirelessly on behalf of the SMART Policy Team and the Department of Health and Human Services in the training and development of a professional children's services workforce and comprehensive continuum of care; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick's efforts in the development of new program structures, joint governance models, public and private partnerships and improved services through integration, for the citizenry of Placer County has been acknowledged statewide and nationally as a model for children and family services; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick's endless energy, enthusiasm, creativity and tenacity has contributed to his personal success and the success of the SMART Children's System of Care; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has constantly recognized the accomplishments of others and provided many hours of coaching, mentoring, training and supervision of others; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has been a role model for those having the privilege to know and work with him, a privilege that shall continue to provide a positive direction long after his work for Placer County is done; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has dedicated his entire career towards the improvement of the lives of vulnerable children and families in Placer County and California;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, acknowledges with deep appreciation, Richard A. Saletta's service to Placer County, and wish him well in his retirement and any new ventures he pursues

Bill Santucci  
Chairman