

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer, and HHS Department Director  
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: November 4, 2008

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION** - Present a Resolution commending Don Ferretti for more than 26 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Present a Resolution commending Don Ferretti for more than 26 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

Don Ferretti began his career with Placer County in 1981. He served as Director of the Human Relations Department from 1981 to 1984, and as Director of Community Services from 1984 through 1994.

In 1994, Don joined Health and Human Services as an Executive Assistant to the Welfare Director. He was a key contributor to the reorganization of the Health, Mental Health, and Welfare Departments into a single Health and Human Services Department. In 1998, California passed the Children and Families Act (Proposition 10) that was designed to promote, support, and improve early childhood development from prenatal through 5 years of age. In 1999, Don became the Executive Director of Placer's Children and Families Commission, now called the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission. Don's hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm in helping to implement the law and the Commission's strategic priorities have made First 5's initiatives a successful model for other counties.

One of Don's many talents includes effective meeting facilitation and training skills, which are in demand in both public and private community organizations.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

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In the matter of a Resolution commending  
Don Ferretti for more than 26 years of  
dedicated public service to Placer County.

WHEREAS, Don Ferretti has been a valued Health and Human Services manager and employee demonstrating compassion, professionalism, and community service in Placer County for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Don has had an extensive career with Placer County, including positions as Director of Human Relations Department, Director of Community Services, Executive Assistant, Principal Management Analyst, and Client Services Program Manager for the First 5 Children and Families Commission; and

WHEREAS, over these many years, Don has witnessed and actively participated in a myriad of organizational, program, and technological changes. Most notably, he was an active and contributing manager to the reorganization of Health, Mental Health, and Welfare into a single department; and

WHEREAS, Don's accomplishments also include being a successful facilitator and trainer; and

WHEREAS, Don has coordinated many program integrity efforts within his areas of expertise in order to ensure Placer County's residents the highest level of services; and

WHEREAS, Don has constantly recognized the accomplishments of others and has always approached his work in a positive and enthusiastic manner; and

WHEREAS, Don has always brought his most professional approach to his positions with Placer County and has always had the client, staff, and county's best interest in mind; and

WHEREAS, Don has been an honorable role model for those having the privilege to know and work with him.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, acknowledge with deep appreciation, Don Ferretti's distinguished service to Placer County, and wish him well in his retirement and any new ventures he pursues.

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