

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: July 27, 2010

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Present a Commendation in recognition of Tad Kitada and his dedicated service to young people throughout Placer County and the State of California.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation in recognition of Tad Kitada and his dedicated service to young people throughout Placer County and the State of California.

BACKGROUND

Tad Kitada has dedicated his career to the service of youth in the State of California. He began his career at Elk Grove Unified School District in 1978 after earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Social Welfare. He specialized in services to foster youth and in 1983 became the Chairman of the Elk Grove Unified School District School Attendance Review Board. In 1989, Tad was hired by the Placer County Office of Education as Director of Prevention Services and continues to serve in that capacity. His accomplishments and dedication to the enhancement of services to foster youth and children and families served through social services is unequalled. The Board of Supervisors is asked to recognize Tad Kitada for his contribution to the well-being of youth in Placer County and the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation in recognition of
Tad Kitada and his dedicated service to young people
throughout Placer County and the State of California.**

WHEREAS, in 1973 Tad Kitada earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and in 1976 a Master's Degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Tad began his career in the Elk Grove Unified School District specializing in services to foster youth and in 1983 became the District's Chairman of the School Attendance Review Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Tad was hired by the Placer County Office of Education as Director of Prevention Services, a position in which he has continuously served with unequalled distinction; and

WHEREAS, Tad was a founding member of the SMART (Systems Management Advocacy Resource Team) management team concept that streamlined intervention and prevention services that concentrated on issues within the entire family; and

WHEREAS, Tad became a contributing member of several statewide associations including the California Health Education Standards Advisory Panel, the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance, and the California Department of Education Foster Youth Services, in which he was a founding member; and

WHEREAS, Tad has also been a valued member of several county wide associations, including the Placer Collaborative Network, the Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center, and the Arts Council of Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Tad finds the time to pursue personal interests in which he enthusiastically enjoys as an accomplished musician performing with his band, Common Sense, as a long distance runner, and as one of the finest steelhead fishermen in Northern California; and

WHEREAS, Tad has been blessed with the love and encouragement of his lovely wife Diane, and their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that on this day, the 27th of July, 2010 the Placer County Board of Supervisors and the Placer County Board of Education acknowledge and recognize with grateful appreciation the tireless dedication of Tad Kitada to the well-being of the youth of Placer County and wish him continuous good fortune in his future endeavors.

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