



County of Sonoma

State of California

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Resolution of the Board Of Supervisors of the County Of Sonoma, State of California, in Recognition of Rick Dean's 35 Years of Leadership and Service with Face to Face

WHEREAS, Rick Dean a resident of Sonoma County has provided historic civic service on behalf of those living with and at risk of HIV for 32 years and has made an indelible impact upon the health and wellbeing of Sonoma County residents by preventing HIV infections, building a strong system of care, and garnering resources for people living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated himself to HIV care in Sonoma County and across the state, Rick's impact on Sonoma County has been immeasurable as Rick has worked tirelessly to assure that those living with HIV have the ability to live and die with dignity and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Rick has also assured that prevention services are vital, ensuring that we can reduce the number of new infections and empower individuals in our communities to protect themselves from HIV; and

WHEREAS, Rick provided visionary leadership and dedication to navigate Face to Face through highs and lows of changing public view of HIV, government funding, and political support and, over decades, assured that the agency remained dynamic and relevant and that the needs of those living with HIV were raised in social and political arenas; and

WHEREAS, Rick helped facilitate "die ins" at county locations to bring attention to HIV in the early days of the epidemic and worked with county leadership throughout his tenure to raise up the needs and concerns of those living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, Rick worked with Housing and Urban Development staff to create California's first ever licensed Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill, enabling Face to Face to open Henry House, a facility that offered 24 hour hospice care, sanctuary, and home to men dying of AIDS, paving the way for other counties to create similar programs; and

WHEREAS, Rick modeled and facilitated collaboration while serving on the Commission on AIDS for 15 years and created and chaired the HIV Service Providers Coalition, a coalition of agencies and groups that provides HIV prevention and care, making it possible for HIV service providers to work together to address the needs of the community; and

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WHEREAS, Rick's leadership style has had a strong impact on those who have worked for Face to Face and his warmth, kindness, and passion for excellence have continued to inspire the best in his team and long-term dedication to HIV service provision among those who work at Face to Face.

WHEREAS, Rick helped staff stay engaged in service and care through the loss of over a thousand clients to the HIV epidemic and created a culture of mutual support, dedication, hard work, and fun, with individuals initially trained at Face to Face going on to work in HIV services at West County Health Centers, Food For Thought, Santa Rosa Community Health, the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Kaiser, Saint James Infirmary, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, for 32 years Rick has brought together phenomenal resources to fight the HIV epidemic and support those living with HIV, creating opportunities for the community to come together to support those living with HIV, for artists and philanthropists to give to worthy endeavors, and for individuals to make HIV services their life work; Rick's devotion has created a legacy that will live on as Face to Face continues on under new leadership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma thanks Rick Dean for his years of tireless and compassionate leadership and service to Sonoma and the greater community.

Supervisor Susan Gorin

Supervisor Shirlee Zane

Supervisor James Gore

Supervisor Lynda Hopkins

Supervisor David Rabbitt , Chair