

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## Jon Gjestvang

**WHEREAS**, Jon Gjestvang has served Napa County with great distinction as the Director of Information Technology Services, dedicating 23 years to enhancing the County's technological capabilities and ensuring the highest level of service to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Jon earned a degree in Computer Science from California State University, Chico, and began his professional career with Tandem Computers Inc. and Golden Gate Technologies before joining Napa County in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, under Jon's visionary leadership, Napa County's Information Technology Services has undergone a remarkable transformation, including the modernization of legacy systems, the replacement of outdated IT infrastructure with scalable and efficient solutions, and the enhancement of government operations and citizen services; and

**WHEREAS**, Jon played a crucial role in establishing our cybersecurity framework, ensuring that our technology initiatives aligned seamlessly with the County's goals of accessibility and transparency. His ability to communicate complex technical concepts in an inviting way has fostered trust among stakeholders and secured vital support for these initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Jon is an influential leader beyond Napa County, serving as President of the California County Information Services Directors Association and contributing to the advancement of information technology across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Jon demonstrated exceptional leadership during times of crisis, ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of critical services under extraordinary circumstances, including:

- During the 2017 Tubbs and 2020 Glass/Lightning Complex fires, Jon's modernization of the County's public safety radio infrastructure ensured virtually uninterrupted radio communications, even as fire threatened radio sites, providing vital support when cellular communication was compromised.
- At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jon and his team implemented secure remote access and video conferencing solutions, enabling County staff to continue serving the public safely and efficiently while also supporting the rapid setup of testing and housing sites.
- Following the 2014 Napa Earthquake, Jon oversaw the swift deployment of infrastructure at alternate sites, allowing displaced County staff to resume operations and deliver essential services to the community.

**WHEREAS**, in every emergency and challenge faced by Napa County, Jon exemplified an unwavering commitment to leveraging technology to ensure the continuity of vital services, enhancing public safety, and supporting the well-being of County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Jon's dedication, innovation, and leadership have left an indelible mark on Napa County, elevating its technological capabilities and setting a standard of excellence in public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 28th day of January 2025, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate **Jon Gjestvang** on his retirement from a distinguished career in public service. We extend our deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the County and community and wish him much happiness, good health, and quality time spent with friends and family. Cheers to your next chapter!

  
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