

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND)
HONORING JOHN VAIL FOR)
MORE THAN 9 YEARS OF SERVICE)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-058

WHEREAS, John Vail grew up in Bellflower, California, riding bikes with his friends, swimming and fishing in the summertime. As a teenager, John would volunteer as kitchen help at Pine Crest Camp Ground, a church camp near Twin Peaks, California. During the summer of 1964 John met Penny Todden and they saw each other every summer at the camp; and

WHEREAS, when John was in High School he applied to be a Kennel Attendant. He made it to the final interview; however he was only 17 so he could not be hired for the job. The "Poundmaster" liked him and hired John to fill in for a clerk who was on maternity leave, and when she returned John was hired as a kennel attendant; and

WHEREAS, after a year John was called to serve his country in the Vietnam War, arriving November 21st, 1968, assigned to E Company, Recon Platoon, 3/21 Infantry Battalion of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, which was attached to the Americal Division in the U.S. Army. John was promoted to Private First Class, Spec 5, and Sergeant, assigned to carry an M-79 Grenade Launcher; he also held the positions of squad radio operator, the CP Radio Operator, and Machine Gun Squad Leader; and

WHEREAS, upon honorable discharge from the Army John returned to work for Los Angeles County and within a few months became an Animal Control Officer, working there for approximately 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1970 he searched and found Penny Todden, becoming engaged by June 1970 and married on September 19, 1970. John and Penny had their only daughter, Lyn in 1975. John and Penny opened their hearts and their home to several foster children beginning in 1985, and in 2005 they adopted their son James; and

WHEREAS, John was encouraged to become a Reserve Police Officer (Volunteer) and did for seven years in Upland, CA. John and his family moved to El Dorado County where he also became a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Placerville for 14 years. In 1987 was hired at El Dorado Animal Control and stayed for 18 years becoming a supervisor; and

WHEREAS, John started his career with Amador County in February of 2005 as the Director of Animal Control. Through John's integrity, leadership skills, professional ethics, extensive knowledge of laws, policies, animal husbandry, patience and pure dedication to the well-being of animals, he has developed the organization to be respected and highly valued by the community and other agencies; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby recognize and thank John Vail for his dedication to the Department of Animal Control and the citizens of Amador County and congratulate him on his retirement.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 15th day of July, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Theodore F. Novelli, Brain Oneto, John Plasse and Louis D. Boitano

NOES: None

ABSENT: Richard M. Forster



Theodore F. Novelli, Chairman

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy