

Resolution No. 06-96

Dated: May 23, 2006

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY of NAPA, STATE of CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Don Gruenhagen began his 27 years career with Napa County in October 1979 when the County successfully wooed him away from the City; and

WHEREAS, between 1979 and 1983 Don was involved in the design section of public works drafting plans for projects; and

WHEREAS, when the Survey Party Chief retired in 1983, Don was promoted into that position - the beginning of his long-term surveying role in Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Don was involved in a long litany of Public Works projects: the new bridge over the river on Yountville Cross Road, the realignment of Petrified Forest Road, the Transfer Station, the American Canyon Landfill closure, the Napa River Dredge project, the Silverado Bike Lanes, the Historic Courthouse remodel and various Airport projects, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Don's gentle and laid back nature has made him the perfect candidate to work with outside consultants and engineers, a task to which not everyone is suited; and

WHEREAS, aside from his Survey work, Don solidified his niche within Public Works for reasons not associated with his job description - morning coffee making, morning newspaper delivery - tasks so important to getting the day moving in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, it has always been a mystery in Public Works as to how Don decides when free coffee is made available, why he sometimes puts up a sign to tell us and sometimes he doesn't, and further that if you are still so asleep that you don't notice the free coffee sign and put your money in the slot, the machine mocks you and doesn't give it back; and

WHEREAS, Don has been an active participant in the thirty year noon-hour (that would be lunch time) Pinochle Game; and

WHEREAS, Don, as a participant in these games, has on many occasions earned the ultimate compliment of "an unconscious sucker", a title he will now carry forward at the "Emeritus" level; and

WHEREAS, Don has been responsible for creating and miraculously remembering to post all of the "we will be closed on..." signs on the doors of the Administration Building; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the occasion of his retirement, the Board of Supervisors wishes to express its appreciation to Don Gruenhagen for his many years of loyal service to the Citizens of Napa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors and Don's many friends, associates and co-workers wish he and his family many years of happiness, health and contentment in retirement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board