



COUNTY OF

# Inyo

## Proclamation

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HONORING INYO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DEAN T. STOUT

*Whereas*, Judge Dean Thomas Stout was born to Norman and Sue Ann Stout in Orange, New Jersey on May 8, 1953, and would devote more than half his life to the public institutions of law and criminal justice; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout spent his formative years on the West Coast, graduating from Glendale High School in 1971; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout went on to pursue a career in the legal arena, first earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1974 and then his Juris Doctorate from Whittier College School of Law in 1977; and

*Whereas*, that same year, Judge Stout was admitted to the California State Bar, married Vicka Malone and, to the enviable and enduring good fortune of Inyo County, moved with his new bride to Bishop, California, where the couple established deep roots in the community and raised to adulthood two daughters, Darci Ann Malone Stout and Kathleen Ann Malone Stout; and

*Whereas*, upon moving to Bishop, Judge Stout opened a private practice that he would operate for 10 years while simultaneously working as Inyo County's Patients' Rights Advocate – not the first or last of his efforts to offer aid, give voice, restore dignity, and provide a leg-up to those without the ability or means to help themselves; and

*Whereas*, in 1978 he took on the assignment of Inyo County Public Defender, a role he would fill with his characteristic mix of solicitousness and logicity until 1987 when he “stepped across the aisle” to serve as Inyo County Assistant District Attorney; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout would earn a reputation over the next 10 years as a tough but fair prosecutor, an Assistant DA with wide-ranging legal knowledge and keen instinct, focused on the pursuit of justice, but not blind to the inherent humanity involved in court cases; and

*Whereas*, these rare qualities were ideally suited for Judge Stout's next career move, when, on May 1, 1997, Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to an unexpired term as Inyo County Superior Court Judge; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout retained his seat on the bench through an uncontested election in November 1998 and, in a remarkable testament to his abilities and the confidence that colleagues and the public at-large have placed in him, Judge Stout has gone unchallenged every election since to serve three consecutive 6-year terms as a judge known for his objectivity and open-mindedness, firmness and even-temper, courtesy and tact, humility and integrity; and

*Whereas*, in addition to serving as Presiding Judge from 1997-99, 2003-09, 2012-13, and 2016-present, Judge Stout is the Judge of the Appellate Division for Inyo County and for Mono and Alpine counties, and at different intervals presided over Inyo County Juvenile Court; and

*Whereas*, throughout his tenure, Judge Stout devoted time and energy to the improvement and preservation of the legal system through membership in various local, State and National organizations, such as the Inyo-Mono Bar Association, the California Judges Association, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

*Whereas*, he similarly served on the Judicial Council of California, State Bar of California Commission for the Revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct, Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Judicial Council's Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force, Judicial Council's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, and California Tribal Court/State Court Forum; and

*Whereas*, locally, Judge Stout has dedicated himself to myriad causes, serving on boards and committees that focus on children's services, bullying, domestic violence, addiction, and outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community; and proven a strong advocate for Inyo County Drug Court, as well as for families and youth in general; and

*Whereas*, for his efforts and exemplary service, Judge Stout has been honored with numerous awards throughout his long career, including the 2004 Inyo County Domestic Violence Council Outstanding Service Award, 2006 Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year Award, 2012 La Causa Award for Commitment to Community Improvement, and Chief Probation Officers of California 2017 Judicial Officer of the Year Award; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout – from the bench and through volunteer work – has brought meaningful and positive change to the lives of countless Inyo County residents, ranging from families in turmoil to college-bound high school seniors to criminal offenders seeking a better way of life; and

*Whereas*, Judge Stout will retire May 31, 2018 after 21 years on the bench.

**Now therefore, be it proclaimed**, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors does hereby sincerely thank and honor Judge Dean T. Stout for his decades of selfless public service to the County of Inyo and its residents, and congratulate him with heartfelt wishes for a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

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