

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF honoring the Life of Sgt. Herman Benjamin Rellar

Resolution No. 2018/196

WHEREAS, from 1952-56 Herman served in the Navy, onboard the USS AV-19 Hancock, during the Korean War; and
WHEREAS, in 1956, Herman was sworn in as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Pittsburg starting his career in law enforcement; and
WHEREAS, in 1959, he became a Deputy Sheriff for Contra Costa County and served in several different capacities until he retired as a Sergeant in 1986; and
WHEREAS, a day after retiring in 1986, he was sworn in as Deputy Reserve and served for another 25 years retiring in 2010; and
WHEREAS, his extensive career included founding the Contra Costa County Search and Rescue and Explorer Units; and
WHEREAS, during his career he always tried to make sure his demeanor, decisions and actions would reflect positively on his profession; and
WHEREAS, Herman loved walking a foot beat in downtown Danville where sharing a smile and stopping to speak with shop keepers and passersbys was his daily goal; and
WHEREAS, officers affectionately referred to Herman as a "Cops Cop"; and
WHEREAS, along with being a deputy Herman served as a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) subject matter expert and consultant; and
WHEREAS, from 1962 to 2016, he instructed "tens of thousand" of students at various police academies at various colleges, training centers, public and private venues throughout CA; and
WHEREAS, he also operated a polygraph business and firearms consulting and training business; and
WHEREAS, Herman was known as a happy, kind, giving and unpretentious man who always was thinking of the well-being of others; and
WHEREAS, he was a member of the Aahmes Shrine Motorcycle Patrol, a member of Freemason Lodge 429, B.P.O.E. 1474, Aahmes Shrine and DMS Good Sam club; and
WHEREAS, Herman is survived by his wife, Jody, daughter, Catherine Cook; brother, William Rellar and family; and grandchildren, Robert Whitmore (& spouse Amanda, Great-Grandchildren: William, Wyatt, Weston), Amanda Whitmore, and Michael Cook; former spouse of Beverly Rellar.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors honors Sgt. Herman Benjamin Rellar for his lifetime of service to our community and his commitment to protecting the public and improving safety.

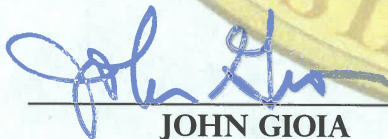
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 22nd day of May 2018.



KAREN MITCHOFF

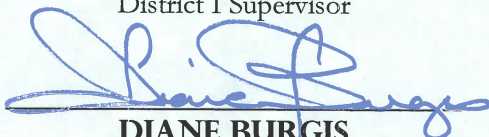
Chair,

District IV Supervisor



JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor



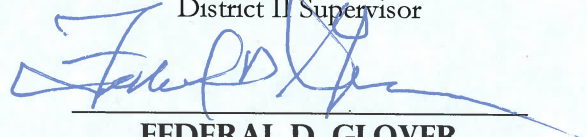
DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor



CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor



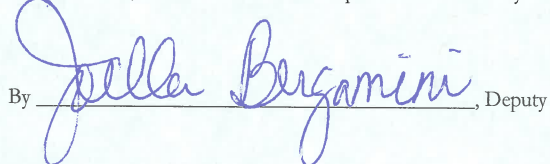
FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: May 22, 2018

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy

