

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **American College of Healthcare Architects Honors Doug Erickson with Presidential Citation for Lifelong Dedication to Safe and Effective Healthcare Design**

The American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA) is proud to announce that Douglas S. Erickson, FASHE, has been awarded the 2024 ACHA Presidential Citation. This award is bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions over their career toward advancing the art and science of healthcare architecture.

Erickson's monumental contributions and expertise in healthcare facilities planning, design, and construction span nearly 50 years. Doug's exemplary career has included his role as the principal advocate representing the American Hospital Association (AHA)/American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) membership for 26 years on national codes, standards, and built environment committees. His tireless dedication to improving the built environment in health and residential care settings is more recently exemplified through his leadership and vision in the development and evolution of the *Facility Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals, Outpatient Facilities and Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities*.

Ann H. Adams, AIA, FACHA, President of the ACHA, stated, "Doug Erickson's impact on the healthcare planning, design, and construction community is immeasurable. His visionary leadership and dedication to our profession has touched every corner of healthcare design, enhancing patient safety, promoting staff well-being, and ultimately fostering a sense of healing and hope in facilities across the nation. I am honored to present him with this Presidential Citation."

Erickson's notable achievements include:

- Championing the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* since 1978, inspiring thousands of volunteers to improve the functional use of these documents.
- Co-founding the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) in 1998 to ensure the ongoing maintenance and revision of the *Guidelines*.
- Serving as vice chair and later chair of the Health Guidelines Revision Committee (HGRC) for five revision cycles.
- Leading FGI as CEO from 2015 to 2023.
- ASHE's highest membership award in 2013 – The Crystal Eagle
- 2024 FGI Pioneer Award
- 2024 the Facility Guideline Institute (FGI) and the Center for Health Design have established the "Douglas S. Erickson Health Care Research Award," in his honor.

The Presidential Citation was presented to Doug Erickson during the ACHA's annual luncheon at the 2024 Healthcare Design Conference held on October 7, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN.

**About the American College of Healthcare Architects**

The American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA) is the premier professional organization dedicated to advancing the practice of healthcare architecture. The ACHA is committed to promoting excellence in the design of healthcare facilities and advocating for the critical role that architects play in creating healthy and healing environments.