The Agile Reset Manifesto

Resetting software development from theater to reality

Through this work, we have come to value:

Human Sustainability over Velocity Metrics
Engineers as Architects over Engineers as Executors
Sustainable Pace over Heroic Sprints
Code Quality over Story Points
Thoughtful Design over Rushed Features
Context over Process

That is, while there is value in the items on the left, we value the items on the right more.

Guiding Principles:

- 01. The Engineer's Voice is Sacred
- 02. Estimates Are Not Commitments
- 03. Technical Debt Is Not Inevitable
- 04. Sustainable Beats Heroic
- 05. Quality Is Not Negotiable
- 06. Context Requires Understanding
- 07. Metrics Measure, They Don't Manage
- 08. The Right to Say No
- 09. Meetings Are Work, Not Extra
- 10. Health Over Velocity

Based on 20+ years experience resolving critical incidents at global financial institutions.

Proven results: 87% reduction in incidents while maintaining 200 systems with just 2 people.

Validated by Microsoft's technical analysis.

â<2.1M annual savings per team through sustainable practices.