



PROCLAMATION

Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of the 4-H/Labo International Exchange Program

WHEREAS, the 4-H Youth Development Programs are a community of six million young people across America, existing in 70 countries across the globe, and have grown from one of our nation's first to now one of our nation's largest youth development programs; and,

WHEREAS, in a unique "Learn-By-Do" model, 4-H youth design and participate in their own programs, helping them to reach their full potential as competent, confident leaders of character who are connected to others and contribute to their communities while giving them skills to thrive and succeed throughout their lives; and,

WHEREAS, the 4-H International Exchange Programs have made it possible for more than 47,500 families in the United States to host youth from around the world, and for more than 7,500 American youth to make reciprocal visits to participating countries; and,

WHEREAS, in 1972, the States' 4-H International Exchange Program partnered with Labo, a Japanese teaching organization, to initiate an international exchange program that to this day remains committed to keeping with their vision of enhancing youth leadership through international cultural immersion and exchange programs; and,

WHEREAS, The County of El Dorado's 4-H Youth Development Program has had a long-standing commitment to participating in the Labo International Exchange Program; and,

WHEREAS, During the summer of 2009, Wakako Tatematsu, a representative of Labo and a citizen of Nagoya, Japan, traveled to the United States and resided with the Gudeman family of El Dorado, California as a Labo Delegate, creating lasting friendships; and,

WHEREAS, Emily Gudeman, a representative of 4-H and a citizen of the County of El Dorado, will travel to Japan during the summer of 2012 and will reside with the Tatematsu family in Nagoya, Japan as a 4-H delegate of the County of El Dorado 4-H/Labo International Exchange Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes the value of the 4-H Youth Development Programs, including the Labo International Exchange Program, and extends its gratitude to the Tatematsu family for their commitment to the Labo Program and their continued connection to the County of El Dorado.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 19th day of June, 2012.

Attest:
Terri Daly
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors