



## PROCLAMATION

of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE *THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL*

**WHEREAS**, the Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when the United States of America declared itself a free and independent nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America proudly marks the 250th Anniversary of Independence, officially known as the Semiquincentennial — a once-in-a-generation milestone celebrating two and a half centuries of democracy, resilience, and national progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of El Dorado County honor the courage and sacrifices of all those who have fought for and defended our freedoms, including members of the armed forces, veterans, first responders, and community volunteers who have served throughout our nation's 250-year history; and

**WHEREAS**, this milestone anniversary serves as a profound reminder of the ideals of liberty, justice, and equality that have shaped the United States and continue to inspire citizens to uphold and promote these enduring values for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of the Semiquincentennial — the 250th anniversary of Independence Day — strengthens the bonds of our community, encourages civic engagement, and fosters a spirit of patriotism among residents of all ages throughout El Dorado County;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims July 4, 2026 as Independence Day in El Dorado County, California, in celebration of the Semiquincentennial — the 250th Anniversary of American Independence — and urges all citizens to participate in local events, parades, educational activities, and community gatherings in honor of our nation's heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Board extends its gratitude to those who serve our community and calls upon all residents to reflect on the freedoms and responsibilities of citizenship, striving to promote peace, unity, and civic pride as we honor 250 years of American independence.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 23rd day of June 2026.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Brooke Laine, Chair, Board of Supervisors