



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Recognizing Christy White, Supervising Health Education Coordinator, Health and Human Services Agency for 33 years of outstanding public service with our county

WHEREAS, Christy White has been employed by the County of El Dorado since August 1988, during which time she has dedicated herself to public service and excellence in the Public Health Division of the Health and Human Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, Christy was the first Public Health educator hired in Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs providing community involvement and advocacy to address alcohol and drug-related problems, court-ordered parenting classes, cessation classes, violence prevention, HIV education teen-pregnancy and perinatal education, teen seat-belt safety, child passenger safety seats, bicycle helmets, Friday Night Live and Club Live and youth mentoring programs and the first Drug Free Workplace training in 1989 for the county's Department of Transportation and for all employees in the City of Placerville; and

WHEREAS, Christy received grant funds and developed Teen Court in 1991 as a pilot program and later awarded funding in 1993 among the first five teen courts programs to be awarded in California, and received the California Counties Heart of Our Community award in 1997 which recognizes the collaborative of the courts, probation, volunteer attorneys, high schools and youth; and

WHEREAS, Christy is recognized as a skilled community collaborator the strong partnerships she forged resulted in significant and diverse public health services available to the community including but not limited to the 2000 Drug-Free Communities Support Program recognized among the first ten programs established in the United States, the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund in 2012 to address problem gambling; implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2016; 2019 Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community campaign augmenting activities in cooperation with the El Dorado Youth Commission and prompting the creation of the Youth Photovoice Project spotlighting awareness of predatory retail marketing and unhealthy advertising to kids;

WHEREAS, Christy served as the project director in the Tobacco Use Prevention Program since 1988 and actively involved with the County's Clean Indoor Air Ordinance in 1991, including smoke-free government campuses and 100 percent smoke-free multi-unit housing; and

WHEREAS, Christy's oversight of the adoption of voluntary smoke-free policies resulted in protecting the community, residents and visitors from the effects of secondhand smoke at the county fair, Joe's Skate Park, Henningsen Lotus Park, Placerville Boys and Girls Club, Barton, Marshall and Community Health Centers, Placerville and El Dorado Hills Cinema, Sierra-At-Tahoe and Heavenly Lake Tahoe ski resorts, aquatic center, six parks, sidewalks and nine restaurants with outdoor dining in the City of Placerville, aquatic center, one restaurant with outdoor dining, and skate park in El Dorado Hills, six alcohol drug treatment/rehabilitation facilities, multiple multi-unit housing complexes and school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Master Settlement Agreement for Tobacco funding 2002 through-2007 allowed Christy and her team to counter the tobacco industry's targeting and exploitation of young adults at Folsom Lake College-El Dorado Center, implementation of the smoke-free entryway law (AB 846), incorporating smoking as a vital sign to assist health care providers and by awarding sixteen school-based and four community-based youth development mini-grant projects that supported local tobacco prevention/education efforts reaching 12,283 youth, ages 5-17.

WHEREAS, Christy's work received The California Clean Air Award in recognition of outstanding leadership for smoke-free outdoor dining in 2006, and Preventing Chronic Disease, Public Health Research, Practice & Policy, Vol. 8, No. 5, A111—Strategies Implemented by 20 Local Tobacco Control Agencies to Promote Smoke-Free Recreation Areas, California, 2004-2007 .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes and commends Christy White, Supervising Health Education Coordinator for her significant contributions to the County and its residents over the past 33 years. The Board extends their greatest appreciation to Christy for her dedication and outstanding public service.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of the Board, held the 28th day of June, 2022.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

Deputy Clerk



Lori Parlin, Chair, Board of Supervisors