



## PROCLAMATION

### of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of Sierra Wildlife Rescue Volunteer Dave Cook

**WHEREAS**, In 2000 Dave Cook was walking his dog and found a deer hanging on a fence by a back leg. He called around to find out who might be able to help and found Sierra Wildlife Rescue (SWR). That day started his new life's direction towards deer rescue and rehabbing; and

**WHEREAS**, "Deer Dave" as he is affectionately known, makes himself available 24 hours a day as he gets calls at all hours of the day and many at night which is when most deer are hit by cars. Dave does his rescue work throughout the entire western slope of El Dorado County and also works with Animal Services, the Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, June and July are when fawns are born at our elevation, and in 2021 Dave received over 600 calls and rescued 90 fawns. Many times, goodhearted people call in concerned about an abandoned fawn and by asking a few pertinent questions he is able to assess the needs of the fawn and determine if the animal is actually abandoned or just waiting for the mom to return; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave does the intake and initial care phase of the rehab process as well as being a rehab trainer. He evaluates the fawn's needs, supply's immediate care and gets the fawn medically and physically stabilized. He has multiple large enclosures on his property that he uses for rehabbing; and

**WHEREAS**, Fawns are weaned in the wild at around three months of age, but SWR rehabbers keep them an extra month to make sure of their strength and health. At four months of age the fawns are herded into a horse trailer and taken to a remote area far away from vehicular traffic and released. Dave helps organize and orchestrate their release; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra Wildlife Rescue is a nonprofit and run by volunteers. They can always use donations, but, for Dave, "the best gift is a volunteer, especially one of our young people--that's priceless" To find out about rehabbing classes, to volunteer or to make a needed donation, call (530) 621-4661 or visit [sierrawildliferescue.org](http://sierrawildliferescue.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize Dave Cook for following the Sierra Wildlife Rescue's philosophy of "Preserving the wildlife of El Dorado County through public education and the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned native animals."

**Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 8th day of November, 2022.

**Attest:**  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Lori Parlin, Chair, Board of Supervisors

