



Proclamation
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Highway 50 Association Wagon Train
60TH Anniversary 1949-2009

WHEREAS, *as early as 1946, almost 100 years after that first cry of "Gold" echoed around the world, a group of El Dorado County Citizens began to ponder the possibility of recreating a wagon train to commemorate the valiant struggles of the early emigrants who found their destinies and homes on the western slopes of the Great Sierras; and*

WHEREAS, *this same group of citizens presented the first "Highway 50 Wagon Train" in 1949, to commemorate the centennial of the Gold Rush; and*

WHEREAS, *after one year of absence, this great historic event was resurrected; and*

WHEREAS, *since the year 1951, The Highway 50 Wagon Train has followed the "Old Roaring Road" through parts of Nevada and over the Sierras into the beautiful foothills of California's gold country, El Dorado County; and*

WHEREAS, *The Highway 50 Wagon Train has successfully captured the essence of the unique history of this county, and illuminated its role in the settling of, and ultimate Statehood of California; and*

WHEREAS, *The Great State of California, in 1982, saw fit to designate the Highway 50 Wagon Train a California State Historic Event, and*

WHEREAS, *The Great State of Nevada, in 1984, saw fit to designate the Highway 50 Wagon Train a Nevada State Historic Event, and*

WHEREAS, *The Highway 50 Wagon Train continues to bring to El Dorado County and Northern California an outstanding vision of this great State's beginnings, and*

WHEREAS, *The Highway 50 Wagon Train offers a living history experience to schoolchildren, adults, senior citizens and all those in between by their participation in the Wagon Train, and*

WHEREAS, *The Highway 50 Wagon Train brings valuable media attention and tourism to El Dorado County, and*

WHEREAS, *the Citizens of El Dorado County wish to acknowledge and honor the persistence and dedication of those teamsters, wranglers, outriders and support crew who, year round, work diligently to organize, preserve and present this annual reenactment of local Americana, and*

WHEREAS, *as The Highway 50 Association Wagon Train approaches its 60th anniversary of this great commemoration as "The Granddaddy of All Wagon Trains", it is hereby proclaimed by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors that the Highway 50 Association Wagon Train be recognized and designated as an official El Dorado County Historic Icon and an official El Dorado County Historic Event, to be so honored and preserved into the future.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED, *by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 2nd day of June, 2009.*

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman, Board of Supervisors