



## PROCLAMATION

### *Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of Lt. Stacey LaFave*

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Stacey LaFave attended the Fish and Game Academy in 1997, and his first Warden District was Ventura County, and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. LaFave was promoted to Lt. Specialist in the Northern Central Region and served in both the Professional Standard's Unit and with the Northern Enforcement District. He was also a field training officer where he modeled tenacity and a willingness to work hard to protect the natural resources, and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. LaFave became the Lt. Supervisor in charge of Game Wardens assigned to El Dorado, Alpine and Amador Counties, where he built a strong working relationship between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Commission as well as a stronger relationship with the El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. LaFave improved the relationship with the El Dorado County District Attorney's office. He set up meetings with the Wardens he supervised and the Deputy District Attorneys assigned to handle Fish and Game cases which resulted in wildlife crimes getting the attention they deserved and those caught being prosecuted and fined, and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. LaFave was a great leader who took his job of protecting the Fish and Wildlife resources of El Dorado County seriously. He would volunteer to hike into an area in the early morning hours of darkness to sit and wait for a poacher to emerge. He allowed his Wardens to use horses, quads, boats, and conduct back-county foot patrols to help them better complete the Department's mission, and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. LaFave had a positive management style which allowed his Wardens to be very effective in the field. They were given the freedom and flexibility to be creative and he listened and let them try and trusted them enough to work plain clothes, do long term investigations and use trail cameras which resulted in quality cases, and

**WHEREAS**, after over 20 years of outstanding customer service to the community, exceptional loyalty, extreme dedication, and for leading by example, Lt. LaFave is being recognized on his retirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize and honor Lt. Stacey LaFave for the manner in which he has performed his duties as a Lt. Supervisor in charge of Game Wardens, with special thanks for his professionalism, dedication to service and kindness to the members of the public.

**Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors