

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Lieutenant Les Lovell

*Retiring from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department
With Over 31 Years of Dedicated Service*

Whereas, *Les Lovell arrived at South Lake Tahoe in 1979 on his way from Los Angeles to Humboldt College when his Harley Davidson motorcycle unexpededly broke down leaving him stranded at Lake Tahoe for over a week; and,*

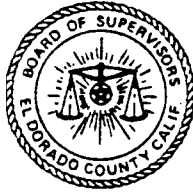
Whereas, *in just that one week, Les fell in love with Tahoe and never left; and,*

Whereas, *after working at Harrah's, Heavenly Ski Resort, and enrolling in classes at the Lake Tahoe Community College in Patrol and Juvenile Law, Les was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in October of 1980; and,*

Whereas, *his ambition led him first to the South Lake Tahoe jail in 1981 as a full-time extra help deputy, then becoming a fully sworn Sheriff's Deputy II and attending the law enforcement academy in 1982, where he was later assigned to detectives in 1984, and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency from 1985-1990, working with "Jake" as a part of his K-9 Unit from 1986 - 1996; and,*

Whereas, *Lt. Lovell helped to develop and implement the "Uniformed Narcotic Investigator" program in 1991, along with the "Highway Interdiction Team (HIT)", and due to his success, was transferred to the South Lake Tahoe El Dorado Narcotic Enforcement Team (SLEDNET), then subsequently assigned to Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) in 1994; and,*

Whereas, *both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Club presented Les Lovell with the Officer of the Year Award on two separate occasions, first as a Deputy and later as Sergeant Les Lovell in 1998; and,*



Whereas, in the course of the next ten years, Lt. Lovell served in Internal Affairs and Support Services, Patrol Operations including overseeing Patrol, Detectives, Coroner's, Civil, Volunteer Services (Sheriff's Team of Active Retirees and Search and Rescue), Administration, attended the 223 Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, graduating in 2005, as well as, attending Class 46 of the California Peace Officer Standard and Training Command College, graduating in 2010; and,

Whereas, Lt. Lovell received his Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, and has taught Introduction to Corrections, Peace Officers Standards and Training courses at the Lake Tahoe Community College and is currently teaching Community Relations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does herewith recognize and honor the distinguished career of Lieutenant Les Lovell and his dedicated service to public safety and the advancement of the Sheriff's Department and wishes him great health and adventure in his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 20th day of March, 2012.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez,
Clerk of the Board

Ayes: Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, Santiago

Deputy Clerk of the Board

Supervisor John R. Knight, Chair