



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing the Re-Dedication of the Site of California's First Grange Hall Pilot Hill Grange No. 1

WHEREAS, the Pilot Hill Grange No. 1, Pilot Hill, El Dorado County, was organized on August 10, 1870, by Mr. A.A. Bayley, with General Deputy P.D. Brown as the first Master, and along with 29 charter members held their first Grange meetings in the Masonic Hall in Pilot Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. A.A. Bayley would later grant the Pilot Hill Grange a 99-year lease on property where he then constructed a frame building for the Pilot Hill Grange to use as a meeting hall, and that the site of this first meeting hall, Pilot Hill Grange No. 1, located at 4302 State Highway 49 in Pilot Hill, is the site of the first Grange Hall in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Enzler gifted nine acres on Highway 193 to the Pilot Hill Grange where local residents using locally grown and milled lumber built a new Grange Hall that was dedicated in 1948 and is the site where the Pilot Hill Grange No. 1 celebrates its 146th birthday this year, and has proudly served their community for the last 68 years; and

WHEREAS, the site of the first Grange Hall in the State of California, Pilot Hill Grange No. 1, located on State Highway 49, is a historic site designated as California Registered Historical Landmark No. 551, that was dedicated with a monument and marker on May 20, 1956, with 1,000 residents in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the original State Marker at this site was stolen in 1975 but was later reproduced and commemorated with a re-dedication ceremony in 1982, only to later be lost again to theft; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Pilot Hill Grange No. 1, through generous donations from the local community, has provided funding to again replace the marker; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 7, 2016, the local community will once again come together to celebrate the re-dedication of the marker that proudly designates the site of the first Grange Hall of Pilot Hill Grange No. 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, does hereby join the community in commemorating the re-dedication of the marker that formally designates the historic site of the State of California's first Grange Hall, and does hereby recognize and extend its gratitude to the Pilot Hill Grange No. 1 for the many years of service in support of the community in their efforts to "Share, Learn, Grow, and Thrive."


Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 3rd day of May, 2016.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:


Deputy Clerk


Chair, Board of Supervisors