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Invocation - El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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I am grateful for the honor of sharing these words of blessing; and, I want to thank each of you for your service to our county.

In recent days, our county experienced yet another reminder of just how fragile life is. The Kyburz Fire raised our awareness and reminded us about the reality of our geography, and the affect it had on the artery of highway 50 put this into focus for many. We take this time, in this space to commend all those who work tirelessly to protect our communities and our homes, enabling us to live and work in such magnificent settings and pray for their safety.

As we recognize the fragility of life on a grand scale, we are made all too aware of the same on a smaller scale, that of our own lives and circles of community. We know that so many in our community battle illness and yearn for health. In the Jewish tradition, we are called upon to care for our bodies as well as our souls. We create a distinction between our physical selves and the spiritual - the souls within each of us. Yet, while this separation is identified, both maintain equal importance. May all of us do everything in our power to ensure our county is a place where body and soul are nurtured, and where our physical and mental health is cared for.

Makor HaChaim, O' Source of Life, grant this board the wisdom to balance the demands of this office, the faith to pursue all that is possible in being a county which is healthy, in mind, body and soul, and the freedom to embrace all our needs that makes each of us unique. *Amen*