



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing the 35th Anniversary of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc.
"Giving Mother Nature a Helping Hand!"

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. was founded on April 21, 1978 by Tom and Cheryl Millham and Bob & BJ Dietz when they began caring for orphaned and injured wild birds and animals, at what was then known as Bender's Camp Richardson Marina; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. has admitted an average of 700 orphaned and injured wild birds and animals, in and around the Lake Tahoe basin every year, with 724 cared for in 2012, providing each animal with individualized care, and bestowing each wild bird and animal the opportunity to be released back to the wild to live out its normal life; and,

WHEREAS, over the past 35 years, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. is proud to report that the total number of wildlife cared for is 24,000 and the average release rate is approximately 63%; five out of every eight wild birds and animals brought into their care are released back into the wild; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. is authorized to care for wildlife under permits issued by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the United States Department of Interior - Fish & Wildlife Services; and, in April of 2000, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care was the very first wildlife rehabilitation organization in the State of California – and is now the ‘only’ organization - to receive authorization from the California Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate orphaned bear cubs; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. has held annual training seminars for the general public since 1979, with Charter President and current Executive Director, Cheryl Millham, as the primary instructor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does hereby extend their congratulations and best wishes to LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE, INC. on their 35th Anniversary and joins our community in thanking your organization and all of your 2,400 active and honorary members and volunteers for the "tender loving care" you have given and continue to provide to our orphaned and injured wildlife. We proudly recognize this very important service to the human and animal citizens of the Lake Tahoe Basin, and wish you every success in your ongoing service of “Giving Mother Nature a Helping Hand!”

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 30th day of April, 2013.

Attest:

James S. Mitrising
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors