



**PROCLAMATION**  
**of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado**

Posthumously honoring  
**Sherri Dietz Springer**

as the Owner and Executive Director for Happy Kids Preschool and Child Care Center and her dedication to ensuring access to high quality early care and education settings for children and families in El Dorado County and California

WHEREAS, Sherri Dietz Springer moved to El Dorado County with the love of her life Bill Springer in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Sherri was the owner and director for Happy Kids Child Care and Preschool with locations in Placerville, Shingle Springs and Cameron Park serving thousands of children and families by providing high quality child care; and

WHEREAS, Locally, she served 18 years on the El Dorado Early Care and Education Council and was inducted to the Early Childhood Hall of Fame in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sherri was a First 5 Commissioner for seven years where she championed high quality child care. She was foundational in developing the local quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) ensuring families have access to high quality child care; and

WHEREAS, In the early 2000's, Sherri piloted a project where she applied for State Preschool contracts and then subcontracted those slots to other qualified providers, significantly increasing access to preschool in our rural communities for vulnerable families while mentoring other providers; and

WHEREAS, As a founder and board member for Californians for Quality Early Learning, Sherri provided business support, benefits, resources and advocacy for private child care programs across the state. She was recognized as an early care and education leader whose perspective was sought when developing policy; and

WHEREAS, Sherri was a fierce advocate and champion for high quality child care and known as a leader for private child care centers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Sherri's dedication to young children was rooted in her family as a loving mother to Lori, Cindy, Ronny and Tommy, and grandmother to eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, does herewith recognize and honor Sherri Dietz Springer, as a passionate advocate for high quality child care in our county where thousands of children cared for, nurtured and entered school ready to learn.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 4th day of August 2020.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By:

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Deputy Clerk

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Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors  
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