



PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

Recognizing December 10, 2020, as "Human Rights Day"

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day proclaims "the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being-regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Human Rights starts close to home:

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm, or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seek equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." - Eleanor Roosevelt, former First Lady, Chairperson of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights drafting committee; and

WHEREAS, the President and Secretary of State of the United States of America have previously declared December 10th as Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS, our own Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."; and

WHEREAS, California Code, ARTICLE 9.5. prohibits discrimination: "No person in the State of California shall, on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, or sexual orientation, be unlawfully denied full and equal access to the benefits of, or be unlawfully subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or by any state agency, is funded directly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from the state."

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim December 10, 2020, as **Human Rights Day** to celebrate universal human rights, and promote the value of human rights in our county in order to create awareness, education, and an environment of respect and connection for all citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 8th day of December 2020.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:

Deputy Clerk

John Hidahl, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors