



Proclamation
Of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing the Response to the Caldor Fire

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2021 the Caldor Fire erupted, raging through El Dorado County, devastating whole communities in its path, scorching more than 220,00 acres, decimating over 1,000 structures, and disrupting the everyday lives of tens of thousands of El Dorado County residents; and

WHEREAS, as emergency responders, fire and law enforcement agencies and personnel went to work to battle the inferno and defend our communities, teams of people from all types of government, non-profits and faith-based organizations banded together to help meet the immediate and vast needs of those affected by the fire; and

WHEREAS, multiple departments within El Dorado County government, including the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, the Chief Administrative Office, Health and Human Services, Animal Services, Agriculture, Surveyor's office, Department of Transportation, Environmental Management, Library, Assessor, Registrar of Voters, Recorder Clerk, Treasurer Tax Collector, and Planning and Building, worked in tandem and with entities from CalOES, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the cities of South Lake Tahoe and Placerville, Amador County and the State of Nevada to assist residents and animals with shelter, food, and access to their properties, and ranches, and vital documents once the fire was contained; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Community Foundation and the Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation have been integral in recovery process, with the Community Foundation raising more than \$4million and providing more than \$2 million in cash aid to 5,000 affected families and assessing approximately 50 additional applications for grants and the West Slope Foundation coordinating monthly distribution events for thousands of impacted residents, respectively; and

WHEREAS, families and individuals unaffected by the catastrophic fire graciously opened their homes and offered their property to provide shelter and space for those who were displaced; and

WHEREAS, the Faith Community stepped up to provide shelter, food, supplies, encouragement, and hope during a hopeless time, and to meet the physical and spiritual needs of Caldor Survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Community provided critical support and assistance with various community efforts to make sure that people were connected to services and given the help needed to support their health during a time of extreme disruption; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit community rallied to provide assistance in any way necessary, from hosting community dinners to gathering and distributing critical supplies, providing cash assistance and gift cards and acting as a backbone of support during this crucial time; and

***WHEREAS**, local community members, including City, County and Office of Education employees, as well as private sector businesses generously offered their time, talents and resources to assist those impacted by the fire, whether it was connecting people to resources and information, providing dinners and meals to go, or the Upper Room serving three meals a day, seven days a week at WalMart, and to everyday citizens going out of their way to help others in any way possible, day or night.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby offer a debt of gratitude for these herculean efforts as well as all the unsung heroes and quiet, individual acts of kindness which came together in the fall of 2021 to uplift and support their fellows during El Dorado County's most catastrophic fire.*

***Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of April 2022.*

Attest:

Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board

Lori Parlin, Chair Board of Supervisors