



PROCLAMATION

Of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Proclaiming May 29, 2023 as Memorial Day

In honor of those who answered the call to defend our freedoms

WHEREAS, Memorial Day serves as a solemn reminder of the devoted men and women who have paid the ultimate price to purchase our precious liberties and sacred freedoms from the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Memorial Day can be traced back to 1865 during the Civil War where several hundred Union soldiers died as prisoners of war before Charleston fell. On May 1 of that year, these soldiers were commemorated by a parade of 10,000 participants, where over 3,000 school children led the effort carrying armloads of flowers and singing patriotic songs; and

WHEREAS, between 1866 and 1868, Decoration Days established the practice of placing flowers on veterans' graves to honor our noble heroes who fell in the struggle for the preservation of the Union. After World War I, this observance officially changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day with the intent to honor and commemorate all those who have died in *all* U.S. wars in defense of our liberty and foundational freedoms; and

WHEREAS, at its core, Memorial Day is a time for all Americans to remember the ultimate sacrifice paid by American soldiers and their families who bear the burden of life without them. As a grateful Nation, may we honor their sacrifice by dedicating ourselves to the preservation of liberty as we recognize that our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. Rather it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, does hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, as a day of hope for permanent peace, and let us recommit to upholding the enduring principles that our country lives for, and that our fellow citizens have fought and died for. Above all, we can honor those we have lost by living up to the ideals they died defending.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 16th day of May 2023.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Wendy Thomas, Chair, Board of Supervisors