



## Proclamation

### OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

#### Recognizing Mark Almer for his Outstanding Leadership and Service

**Whereas**, in 2004 with the inception of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council (GFFSC), Mark Almer has been its longest serving Chairman, serving in that capacity for the last ten years. Under his leadership, the GFFSC has placed more that \$2 million of grant-funded fuel reduction directly on the ground; and

**Whereas**, those projects included clearing flammable fuels from evacuation routes, providing a shaded fuel break around the Community's border, establishing a Defensible Space Program to educate landowners about its importance and about the state laws requiring defensible space, and removing the flammable fuels from all the County right-of-ways; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure as Chair, the Fire Safe Council expanded its Sphere of Recognition (SOR) to include the Community's westerly neighbors, Woodpecker Acres subdivision, Leoni Meadows Seventh Day Adventist Camp and Conference Center and El Dorado National Forest watershed from which the community acquires its water; and

**Whereas**, Mark also formed the biennial Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Table Top Wildfire Exercise, bringing together federal, state, county and district leaders in fire protection, law enforcement and emergency medical services, as well as all the support services, for a one-day simulation of a wildfire threatening the Community and each agency's tactical responses; and

**Whereas**, Mark was instrumental in the preparation and distribution of an Awareness Manual, distributed to all residents in the Fire Safe Council's SOR and to all new residents, providing those residents with wildfire and defensible space educational materials, as well as information and recommendations in the case of wildfire and/or potential evacuation of their properties and the Community.

**Now therefore be it proclaimed**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby recognizes Mark Almer for his outstanding leadership, knowledge and commitment to fire safety and his many contributions to the Grizzly Flats Community.

**Passed and Adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

*With Thanks and Appreciation from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors*

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrisin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Shiva Frentzen, Chair, Board of Supervisors