



PROCLAMATION
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Proclaiming October 23, 2025 as
EDC Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish” Ishmael Day

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the service and life of Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael was born at Marshall Hospital and was raised in the Placerville area. He graduated from Ponderosa High School, attended Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Texas and married his high school sweetheart Katie. Their family was complete with the addition of three beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, after Brian graduated from UTI as an autobody technician, he worked at two local body shops in the Placerville area. During that time, he worked on Placerville Police Department cars and came to know the officers well. He was invited on a “ride-a-long” with one of the officers which sparked his interest in law enforcement. Brian worked during the day at the body shops and then attended law enforcement academy at night; and

WHEREAS, Brian started his official calling to protect and serve in 2013 with the Placerville Police Department. He quickly became an agency favorite, holding the positions of Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, and Armorer. He joined the El Dorado County Sheriff’s family in 2015 holding the positions of Field Training Officer and Armorer; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2019, in the early morning hours Brian and his ride-along partner from San Joaquin County, responded to a call reporting a possible theft in progress at a marijuana grow. This 911 call for help, resulted in a man opening fire on both officers. While his partner was injured, unfortunately Brian’s injuries were fatal, and we lost him that night; and

WHEREAS, to pay our highest tribute and to honor this fallen hero, El Dorado County has named the Sheriff’s Armory as the “*Brian Ishmael Shooting Range*”. Sections of Highway 50 were dedicated and named “*Deputy Brian “Ish” Ishmael Memorial Highway*” and finally, the El Dorado County Trail dedicated a section as “*The Ish Trail*”. These honorary dedications are a testament of our profound gratitude & appreciation of the ultimate sacrifice that Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael gave that fateful night.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that October 23, 2025 be recognized as Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish” Ishmael Day this year and in the years to come, in somber recognition of the great loss suffered by his family, his Sheriff family and our entire County and in recognition of his legacy of service to the citizens of El Dorado County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 21st day of October, 2025.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk

George Turnboo, Chair, Board of Supervisors