



## **PROCLAMATION**

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

#### **Recognizing the Service of CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Blankenheim**

**WHEREAS**, CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Blankenheim is retiring after nearly 28 years of dedicated service to the residents of California, including El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Blankenheim served in many roles at CAL FIRE, including Assistant Chief of Administration for the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit and as Deputy Incident Commander on a CAL FIRE Incident Management Team managing the response to some of California's most devastating wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, Chief Blankenheim was appointed to his current role as the Unit Chief of the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit, bringing extensive experience and knowledge to oversee wildfire prevention and protection programs in El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Chief Blankenheim's many assignments with CAL FIRE, he also worked as a Fire Apparatus Engineer-Paramedic and Fire Captain-Paramedic in the Cameron Park Community Services District and served as Assistant Chief overseeing Growlersburg Conservation Camp; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Blankenheim led CAL FIRE's response to the Caldor Fire, the most devastating fire in El Dorado County's history, ultimately burning 221,835 acres and destroying over 1,000 structures; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing no one agency or organization could achieve wildfire resiliency alone, Chief Blankenheim was instrumental in the creation of the El Dorado County Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Coordination Group, as well as the El Dorado County Wildfire Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Blankenheim led the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit through unprecedented growth and investment in fire protection and prevention programs, including the creation of the Wildfire Resiliency Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Blankenheim developed partnerships and engaged local fire districts, federal forest agencies, County departments, utilities and community organizations to reduce wildfire risk and increase preparedness in El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Blankenheim recognized the critical importance of the relationship and responsibilities shared between CAL FIRE and El Dorado County, and played a critical role in building the foundation and model for future collaboration.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes and thanks Chief Blankenheim for his leadership and dedicated service to the citizens of the County and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement.

**Passed and adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors