



PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Declaration of American Christian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Religious faith was not only important in American life during the periods of discovery, exploration, colonization, and growth, but has also been acknowledged and incorporated into all three branches of American Federal Government from their very beginning; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States affirmed this self-evident fact in a unanimous ruling declaring "This is a religious people... From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation"; and

WHEREAS, The first act of America's first Congress in 1774 was to ask a minister to open with prayer and to lead Congress in the reading of four chapters of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell was named for the Biblical inscription from Leviticus 25:10, which passage of scripture is emblazoned around it: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof"; and

WHEREAS, The constitutions of each of the 50 states, either in the preamble or body, explicitly recognize or express gratitude to God; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy declared that "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God"; and

WHEREAS, All sessions of the United States Supreme Court begin with the Court's Marshal announcing, "God save the United States and this honorable court"; and

WHEREAS, When taking the oath of office for the President of the United States, George Washington concluded the oath by adding the phrase, "So help me, God," and this has been included in many oaths by those taking public office since that time; and

WHEREAS, There have been attempts to change and distort our history;

THEREFORE, BE IT BE PROCLAIMED, That the month of July each year is designated as "American Christian History Month," to recognize the impact of religious beliefs on America's history; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That the rich spiritual and diverse religious history of our nation, from its founding to the current day be affirmed; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That any effort to remove, obscure, or purposely omit such history from our nation's public buildings and educational resources be rejected in the strongest manner.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 18th day of July 2023.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Wendy Thomas, Chair, Board of Supervisors