



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Recognizes the Living Re-Ride of the Pony Express and its Historical Significance to El Dorado County

WHEREAS, April 3, 2014, will mark the 154th Anniversary of the Pony Express and in commemoration the California Pony Riders will make a ten day trek by horseback reenacting this living historical re-ride; and

WHEREAS, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, the Riders will deliver by horseback to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors "special mail" in a four-pocketed pouch known as the Mochila; and

WHEREAS, at 10:00 a.m. on June 11, 2014, the California Division of the National Pony Express Association will begin their annual re-ride in Old Town Sacramento to well-wishers cry of "Go Pony Rider;" and

WHEREAS, just as in 1860, the Riders of today profess, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night will keep the horse and rider from its flight;" and

WHEREAS, the Riders, to the greatest extent possible, will ride the National Historic Pony Express Trail and will cross byways, historic trails, private roads and city streets into the High Sierras; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the historical significance, of this event, to El Dorado County, the Rider will enter our county at the Green Valley Center in El Dorado Hills and continue on with additional Rider exchanges in Rescue, Shingle Springs, El Dorado and Diamond Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Rider will continue their journey to "Old Hangtown" Placerville and make the mail exchange at the Chamber of Commerce on Main Street, and continue along the El Dorado Trail to Jacquier and Carson Roads in Camino; and

WHEREAS, arriving in Camino at Sportsman's Hall, the site of the only 1860 Pony Express home station in California, a new horse and Rider will depart for Bullion Bend, Fresh Pond, Pacific House and down the American River Canyon making an abrupt stop at the historical site of a missing link on the Pony Express Trail, the Brockliss/Blair Bridge crossing; and

WHEREAS, a cable and pulley will be used to hoist the mochila across the canyon to the Rider waiting on the other side, who will retrieve the pouch and race into the night where approximately seventeen other horses and Riders will be waiting for their exchange in the back country of the Sierras, where the final California Rider will hand off the mochila to the Nevada Rider on June 12, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors that the 154th Pony Express be recognized and designated as an official El Dorado County Historic Event, preserved into the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 1st day of April 2014, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Chair, Board of Supervisors