

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclamation in Honor of Supervisor John Hidahl

WHEREAS, Supervisor John Hidahl was elected District I Board of Supervisor twice and served with dedication, devotion, and unwavering commitment to his constituents from January 2017 to November 2024; and,

WHEREAS, during that time he skillfully served in the capacities of chair, first vice chair and second vice chair of the Board of Supervisors. He also applied his engineering background and attention to budget detail, and his authentic desire to receive "inputs" from all voices ensured that every option was considered when making his decisions as he consistently desired to lead the County to the best possible outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, among the 17 Board-appointed committee and commission positions he held, Supervisor Hidahl was deeply interested in those involving transportation and transit, water and power, behavioral health, economic development, and state and national County representation as evidenced by his multiple-year appointments to the Annual Audit Committee, Capital Southeast Connector JPA, Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA, Behavioral Health Commission, El Dorado Transit Authority, El Dorado County Transportation Commission, Local Agency Formation Commission, California State Association of Counties, National Association of Counties, and the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, among others; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Hidahl was deeply committed to ensuring the residents of El Dorado Hills were made aware of issues impacting their lives as a founding member of the El Dorado Hills Community Council for 23 years, and the El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee for years prior to that, inviting County officials to present and bring transparency to the business of County government; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Hidahl's intrinsic desire to serve went far beyond his terms as an El Dorado County Supervisor. As a 50-year Eagle Scout, he was deeply committed to supporting the Boy Scouts of America. He volunteered as the Task Force Chairman with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District for the 40-acre park project on Harvard Blvd, helped form the Lakehills Fire Safe Council, and as a true patriot, he had enduring respect for the service of Veterans and was their fierce champion, including designating El Dorado County as a Purple Heart County. Additionally, John was an elected Board member of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department for 33 years, from which he took a hiatus during his time as a Board of Supervisor. It is bittersweet to note that, nearing the end of his term at the County, he ran again in the 2024 election and received the highest number of votes to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the community members he served, Supervisor Hidahl was a man of deep and abiding faith whose contributions were invaluable. He worked tirelessly for the betterment of his community and was a champion of El Dorado County with steadfast consideration and care. He demonstrated unwavering and unfailing kindness and respect, and was a passionate, devoted public servant who was rooted in his community and truly involved with everything; and

WHEREAS, in the words of his County family, he was a Supervisor and man who embodied the phrase "service before self," and whose mark was indelibly made. His presence and joyous laugh will be deeply missed in El Dorado County and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Supervisor John Hidahl has faithfully and dutifully executed his exemplary service to the citizens of El Dorado County whom he served and loved and will be deeply missed and always remembered.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors presents this honorary proclamation to the family of Supervisor John Hidahl on November 15, 2024.

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Attest: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

Wendy Thomas

Wendy Thomas, District III, Chair El Dorado/County Baard of Supervisors

Lori Parlin, District IV El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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George Turnboo, District II El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Brooke Laine, District V

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