



Proclamation
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
In Recognition of
Jody Gray
For Her Outstanding Leadership in Fair Operations

Whereas, Jody was hired by the El Dorado County Fair Association in 2002. The Board of Directors at that time were so impressed with Jody's background and eagerness to come back to her roots in El Dorado County that it was a unanimous vote to hire her; and

Whereas, At the time of her acceptance, the organization was in desperate need to revive the reputation of how the Fair Association interacted with staff and our community, and Jody's expertise was just what was needed. Her insights in management of a Fairgrounds have proven invaluable, and her leadership has enabled the connection between the Fair Association, the County, the City and entire community to evolve into a very positive relationship under her tenure; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors did not know at the time that not only did the Fair Association hire a new CEO, they gained a whole family who would become invaluable by "volunteering" at every fair and major event promoted by the Fair Association; and

Whereas, the Fair Association has found the balance of embracing older processes and methods that have proven to be the most effective while welcoming new ideas and technologies to increase efficiency and convenience for the community; and

Whereas, Jody has become a well-respected manager statewide, holding numerous appointments on boards and committees within the State Fair Industry, such as the Western Fairs Association Board of Directors, California; and

Whereas, Under Jody's leadership, the Fair Association has established consistent and fair policies and pricing for interim rentals which has furthered the excellent relationships within the community by supporting non-profits and other community interests; and

Whereas, Jody is on "speed-dial" with State and local emergency services, and it is well known that the El Dorado County Fairgrounds is here and always willing to support those who protect and defend our community in any way possible; and

Whereas, Jody is the heart of the Fair Association and well respected by her staff and the Fair Board. She inspires her staff and those around her with her positive and "can do" attitude. Under her leadership, the state of the Fair Association is strong and vital which is a remarkable accomplishment in light of the last two years of cancellations related to the pandemic. Because of her conservative approach, the fair had ample resources to get through an extremely difficult period.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors does with appreciation and gratitude, recognize Jody Gray for her exemplary service to the El Dorado County Fair Association and the citizens of El Dorado County in managing the El Dorado County Fairgrounds and Event Center for the last 20 years.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 1st day of February 2022.

Attest:

Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Lori Parlin, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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