



## Proclamation

### *Of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors*

## Recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy

**Whereas**, on March 4, 2017, Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand, Animal Assisted Therapy, Inc. (LAH) will be celebrating 30 years as a local all-volunteer organization providing animal-assisted therapy services; and

**Whereas**, during those 30 years, LAH has grown from a small group of forward thinking, dedicated volunteers and their animals visiting a only a few receptive facilities to over 150 teams making regularly scheduled monthly visits and participating in many special events throughout the Greater Sacramento area; and

**Whereas**, LAH teams bring companionship and cheer to numerous seniors at assisted living and memory care facilities, provide a reading audience for children at the libraries and elementary schools and provide stress relief to students of all ages on high school and college campuses.

**Whereas**, LAH teams also bring encouragement to veterans at the VA Hospital and comfort to those in shelters, rehabilitation programs, mental health and disability facilities.

**Whereas**, LAH's Emergency Response Team was formed, in coordination with the American Red Cross, to provide comfort and compassion to citizens and responders directly impacted by fires and other tragic or stressful events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, *that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's hereby recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy, Inc. and the services they provide to the community.*

**Passed and adopted by** *the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10th day of January, 2017.*

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrisin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

  
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Chair, Board of Supervisors