



PROCLAMATION
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

**Recognizing the 40th Anniversary
of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. was founded on April 21, 1978 by Tom and Cheryl Millham and Bob & BJ Dietz when they began caring for orphaned and injured birds and animals, at what was then known as Bender's Camp Richardson Marina; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. has admitted an average of 700 orphaned and injured wild birds and animals, in and around the Lake Tahoe basin every year, providing each animal with individualized care, and bestowing each wild bird and animal the opportunity to be released back to the wild to live out its normal life; and,

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. is proud to report that the total number of wildlife cared for is more than 26,000 with more than 16,000 (61%) returned back into the wild; and

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, Inc. is authorized to care for wildlife under permits issued by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the United States Department of Interior - Fish & Wildlife Services; and, in April of 2000, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care was the very first wildlife rehabilitation organization in the State of California to receive authorization from the California Fish and Game to rehabilitate first year, orphaned bear cubs; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does hereby extend their congratulations and best wishes to LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE, INC. on their 40th Anniversary and joins our community in thanking your organization and all of your 2,500 active and/or honorary members and volunteers for the "tender loving care" you have given and continue to provide to our orphaned and injured wildlife. We proudly recognize this very important service to the human and animal citizens of the Lake Tahoe Basin, and wish you every success in your ongoing service of **"Giving Mother Nature a Helping Hand!"**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 8th day of May, 2018.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Michael Ranalli, Chair, Board of Supervisors