



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Tish Langston as Founder of P.R.I.D.E. and Joy and 30 Years of Service to Our Community

WHEREAS,; Tish Langston, a special education teacher, moved to El Dorado County with her husband and six month old daughter in 1976 and discovered a tremendous need for early intervention for special needs children and families who were dealing with Down Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, premature birth, and children with physical and emotional disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Tish convened professionals, doctors and care providers to begin the ground work to establish Parent Reinforcement of Infant Development (PRIDE) and Joy to help families learn to help their children in their natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, PRIDE and Joy, under Tish's inspiration and leadership, incorporated the use of special education teachers, speech and language pathologists and occupation and physical therapists serving infants with special needs in the families' homes and a meeting place; and,

WHEREAS, to this day, Tish is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with special needs and continues to provide the only program of its kind on the West Slope which has blossomed into what is now Family Connections El Dorado; and,

WHEREAS, on this anniversary of 30 years with PRIDE and Joy, Tish Langston truly represents the pioneering spirit for which the County of El Dorado is best known.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, on June 15, 2010, at a regular meeting of said board, does herewith recognize and honor Tish Langston for her inspiration, leadership and community service as founder of PRIDE and Joy and 30 years of devotion to children with special needs.

*Attest: Suzannc Allen de Sanchez,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

Aycs: Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, Santiago

Deputy Clerk of the Board

Supervisor Norma Santiago, Chair

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