



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing Growlersburg Conservation Camp #33 For 50 Years of Service to Community

WHEREAS, Growlersburg Conservation Camp #33 in Georgetown, California began operations in 1967 and was dedicated on May 18, 1968, by El Dorado County Assemblyman Eugene "Gene" Chappie; and,

WHEREAS, Growlersburg Conservation Camp is one of thirty-nine Conservation Camps operated throughout the State of California through the successful partnership between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) with the primary mission to provide an able-bodied, trained work force for fire suppression, to support community projects and to respond to other emergencies such as floods and earthquakes; and,

WHEREAS, the inmates who volunteer to participate in the Growlersburg Camp Program staff five firefighting hand crews that are utilized locally and throughout the State, providing over 400,000 work hours each year in fire suppression efforts and in support of community and government agency projects as well as an additional 100,000 work hours of emergency response support during any given year; and,

WHEREAS, when not responding to emergencies, Growlersburg Crews are in our community constructing fuel breaks, removing dead trees, completing prescribed fire projects, constructing trails, and providing valuable assistance on projects that improve our local parks, schools, and cemeteries; and,

WHEREAS, Growlersburg Crews provide skilled labor for fuel reduction and vegetation management projects for the El Dorado County Department of Transportation, the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and the University of California, Berkeley's Blodgett Research Forest; and,

WHEREAS, in support of the Program's mission to provide vocational training, the Growlersburg Camp includes a wood shop, welding shop and mill for use by the crews to maintain equipment and to develop the materials to construct the picnic tables that are well-known for their quality and are recognizable throughout the County's parks and camp grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby congratulate the Growlersburg Conservation Camp in recognition of fifty successful years of providing valuable services to the County of El Dorado and the State of California as part of a program that instills pride and respect and the opportunity for inmates to successfully return to society and move on in their lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 22nd day of May, 2018.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Michael Ranalli
Chair, Board of Supervisors