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October 30, 2018

National Association of State Foresters
444 N. Capitol Street NW
Suite 540
Washington, DC 20001
Attn: 2019 NASF Wildfire Mitigation Award Committee

RE: Letter of Support – Nomination of Pat Dwyer-2019 Wildfire Mitigation Award

To Whom It May Concern:

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors welcomes the opportunity to support the nomination of Pat Dwyer for the 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Award.

Under Pat Dwyer's leadership the efforts of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) has produced numerous benefits to the residents and communities throughout El Dorado County. Through strong organizational and grant writing skills Pat Dwyer has successfully secured funding to support new and expand existing EDCFSC programs that have contributed to improve the wildfire protection, prevention and preparedness of our residents and that continue to improve the safety and preparedness of communities throughout our County. Pat Dwyer's dedication has resulted in the establishment of programs and planning efforts that include:

- The Chipping and Green Waste Dumpster Program. Since inception, these programs have served approximately 4000 residences, removed over 700,000 cubic yards of material and cleared the equivalent of 1500 acres.
- The Senior Defensible Space Assistance Program. Provides defensible space treatment and clearing for eligible seniors who cannot physically perform or financially pay for the work.
- The Veterans Defensible Space Assistance Program. Provides defensible space treatment and clearing, with no age requirement, for veterans as well as widows and widowers of deceased veterans with limited resources and who may be physically unable to perform the work.
- The Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. First completed in 2017 this extensive document covers the entire western slope of El Dorado County. The EDCFSC has just received funding to update and expand the Plan over the next 2 years. The completion of the Plan has resulted in successful outreach efforts to educate residents in defensible space requirements, help communities form Satellite Fire Safe Councils and develop specific Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs).

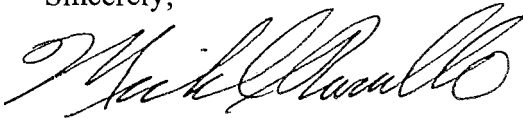
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These valuable services are critically important elements in our combined efforts to reduce the risk for homeowners while improving safety for our firefighters. The activities of the Fire Safe Council serve as a “force multiplier” in our countywide prevention efforts.

On February 14, 2017, our Board of Supervisors formally recognized Pat Dwyer for his outstanding dedication in leading the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council in their exceptional efforts to promote the importance of wildfire education, mitigation and planning throughout the County of El Dorado and on the successful completion of the “El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.” A copy of the Proclamation recognizing Mr. Dwyer is included to further demonstrate the level of support and appreciation that Mr. Dwyer has earned from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, our state and local agency partners, and the residents we all serve to protect.

On behalf of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors it is my honor to submit to you the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors support for the nomination of Pat Dwyer for the 2019 NASF Wildfire Mitigation Award. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ranalli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael Ranalli
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County Of El Dorado
(530) 621-6513

Enclosure



PROCLAMATION

Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of Pat Dwyer

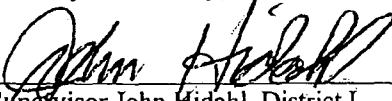
WHEREAS, the mission of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is to protect the people of El Dorado County and their property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through education, cooperation, innovation, and action, with this mission guiding the Council's goals to coordinate a county-wide Fire Plan, to educate the public about fire threat and fire prevention measures, and to promote "Firewise" communities; and,

WHEREAS, guided by the leadership and tireless efforts of Pat Dwyer, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has developed a strong network of partnerships with community based Associate Fire Safe Councils as well as local, regional, state and federal organizations that serves to coordinate the resources, knowledge and mutual objectives of each of these organizations in order to protect the citizens, homes, communities and natural resources throughout the County of El Dorado from catastrophic wildfire; and,


WHEREAS, Pat Dwyer successfully led the efforts of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council to bring together county residents and the Council's partners to contribute to the development and completion of the "Western El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan," a planning document that will lead county-wide and community level strategies to educate and engage residents in the implementation of wildfire prevention and fire safety projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize and honor Pat Dwyer for his outstanding dedication in leading the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council in their exceptional efforts to promote the importance of wildfire education, mitigation and planning throughout the County of El Dorado and on the successful completion of the "El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan."

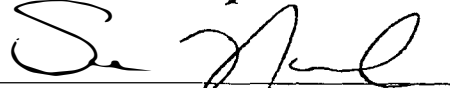
Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 14th day of February, 2017.


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Attest:

James S. Mitrison

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by: 
Deputy Clerk