



## PROCLAMATION

Honoring Dr. Steven M. Thaxton as Executive Director for First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission and his dedicated service helping to make El Dorado County, "an exceptional place to raise your child".

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Steven M. Thaxton was appointed as Executive Director for First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission in 1998 and is responsible for funding over \$10 million in services for families with young children from birth through age five; and

*WHEREAS*, Steven's work with First 5 El Dorado, has resulted in an early childhood continuum of services supporting families prenatally through kindergarten with the vision that all children would be ready for school by increasing access to health insurance and medical homes, home visitation for parents with newborns, regular developmental screens for children, early literacy programs at the libraries, quality early care and education services and community strengthening groups in three regions of the county; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Steven M. Thaxton has a lifelong commitment to the early childhood field serving as an elementary school Principal with San Mateo City School District, and Administrator for early childhood and special education programs with San Mateo City School District, San Francisco Unified School District, Merced County Office of Education and Stanislaus County Office of Education; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Steven M. Thaxton is a leader in the early childhood field, serving as Treasurer for the California Association for the Education of Young Children, board member for Creative Living Options, and a founding member of Healthy Kids Healthy Futures; and

*WHEREAS*, Steven is a teacher and mentor in the early childhood field, teaching classes and serving as a professional growth advisor at California State University at San Francisco, California State University Sacramento and Sierra College; and

*WHEREAS*, Steven is a writer with two published novels and many professional articles; and

*WHEREAS*, Steven's passion for young children has increased the quality and accessibility of services in El Dorado County. A statement made regularly by Steven, "If you are having a bad day, attend a Mother Goose on the Loose storytime. You will instantly feel better" epitomizes the significance of quality early childhood services; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, does herewith recognize and honor Dr. Steven M. Thaxton, as an individual who has given years of dedicated service helping to make El Dorado County, "an exceptional place to raise your child."

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 14 day of June 2011.

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors