



PROCLAMATION
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
In Recognition of all El Dorado County Volunteers

WHEREAS, Independent Sector (IS), an organization that advocates for public policies that impact charitable works, has estimated that the value of a volunteer hour in California is \$33.61; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that 24.9% of the United States population participates in some form of volunteer activity annually. The population of El Dorado County is approximately 195,000 residents so over 48,000 residents volunteered their services for the public good; and

WHEREAS, NP Source, a digital marketing service for non-profits across the United States, has reported that the average volunteer contributes about 52 hours annually in charitable works. El Dorado County volunteers add an estimated \$80 million in community value each year; and

WHEREAS, during this extraordinary time of challenge caused by COVID-19 and the Caldor Fire, when many organizations are struggling economically to maintain operations, the contributions of volunteers are more important than ever, as they enable local governments and nonprofit organizations to continue to provide needed services to help communities endure and survive the pandemic and the impacts of the fire; and

WHEREAS, our County's strength has always come from the acts of ordinary citizens, and volunteers have stepped forward to serve, helping us survive our greatest challenges and achieve our greatest triumphs. Volunteer's commitment to serving others has always contributed to the success and prosperity of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to our County's volunteers and recognize every citizen who takes time to help others. We celebrate the spirit and generosity that drive our citizens to care for others and serve a cause greater than self. Their acts of kindness help build a better and brighter future, and remind us that we all have a role to play in making our communities safer, healthier, and stronger; and

WHEREAS, we are especially grateful to all volunteers who demonstrate love, compassion, mercy, and respect for humankind through volunteer service. Their actions enhance their own lives and the lives of those they serve, reflecting the best of the citizens of El Dorado County and the enduring principles that bind us together; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize all County, Non-Profit and Community based volunteers, and express a deep appreciation for their dedication to the betterment of all El Dorado County residents.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 14th day of December 2021.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

John Hidahl, Chair, Board of Supervisors