



**PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
JAMES R. "JACK" SWEENEY
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

WHEREAS, James R. "Jack" Sweeney has been, and will always be, a steadfast champion for the County of El Dorado with his heart and soul forever rooted in the County's history as well as its future; and,

WHEREAS, Jack was raised in the County of El Dorado, and in learning from his parents the merit of community service, he raised his family here and proudly instilled the same virtues of service and dedication to community; and,

WHEREAS, Jack's wisdom, leadership and commitment to our community are based in his personal experiences from working on the Sweeney Family Ranch, an early career with the California Department of Transportation as an Engineering Technician, and decades of surveying and engineering work that led to the establishment and continued success of the private firm, Sweeney Land Surveying; and,

WHEREAS, The voters of the Mother Lode Union School District first recognized Jack's leadership skills in 1977, followed by the voters of the Third Supervisorial District who elected and re-elected Jack as their County Supervisor to terms of service that spanned from 1985-1993 and again from 2003-2012, for a total of 18 years of service as the District III County Supervisor; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Sweeney has given a lifetime of service and commitment to our community demonstrated by his selfless volunteerism in service groups, too numerous to count, but in example: Timber Little League; the Mother Lode Lions Club and the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. His large presence extends deep into our community where it is always his privilege to help others; and,

WHEREAS, Jack's "Open Door - Constituent First" policy, combined with his history and the depth of his knowledge will be truly missed by his colleagues, the county's leaders and staff, and by the constituents, all of whom depended on his guidance and leadership to help resolve complex issues; and,

WHEREAS, Jack had a vision to invigorate the County's economic development that would both support locally owned businesses and provide the County's residents with the choice to shop local. This vision culminated in the successful development of the Missouri Flat Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, When Jack heard that the State of California intended to delay the 2013 construction start date of the new Placerville Courthouse, he formed a team comprised of Placerville City Council members, business leaders, county staff and Superior Court Judges. After 18 months of meetings, Jack ushered the team to San Francisco to testify in front of the State Commission empowered to select worthy courthouse projects. The Commissioners were so impressed by El Dorado's united presentation, they selected the new Placerville Courthouse Project, placing it as 10th on the list of courthouse projects in the state and directing that the project proceed on schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the world-famous Rubicon Trail, our County's "Jewel of the Sierra," remains open to the public due to Jack Sweeney's unwavering and relentless dedication to the efforts that secured a critical easement that balanced the need to protect this environmentally delicate asset while allowing the Trail to remain available for the use and enjoyment by all. The success of the Rubicon Trail easement is one of his most notable and cherished accomplishments; and,

WHEREAS, this date, December 18, 2012, the last official meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado for 2012, celebrates a distinguished career and serves as an opportunity for the recognition of Jack's lifelong commitment to our community. To that end we, the County of El Dorado, do hereby extend our appreciation to Jack Sweeney on a job well done.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado extends its gratitude and affection to James R. "Jack" Sweeney. His legacy of leadership and community service is a standard for colleagues and friends alike and shall serve as an example to those who might one day seek to lead our County.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 18th day of December, 2012.

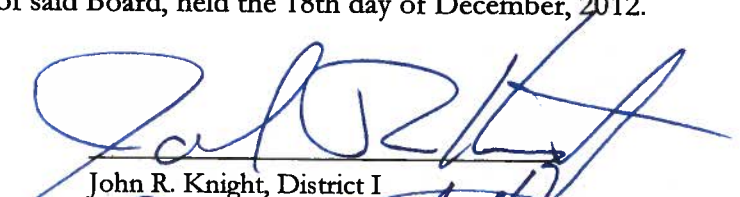
Attest:

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:


Deputy Clerk




John R. Knight, District I


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