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Board of Supervisors 330 Fair Lane Placerville, California 95667

Title:

Proclamation Recognizing the 80th Anniversary of Placerville Airport and Declaring October 3, 2009 Placerville Airport Day

District/Supervisor: Jack Sweeney, Supervisor, District III

Dear Members of the Board:

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Placerville Airport the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, is hosting the Placerville Airport Day on October 3, 2009.

Located below the snow and above the fog line, the Placerville Airport is a logistical dream come true. With operations ranging from flight instruction to CALSTAR Life-Flight, the Placerville Airport shines tried and true as an invaluable asset to our communities.

For the past 80 years the Placerville Airport has supported operations such as flight-instruction, military flight training, aircraft maintenance, fueling, business jet operations, fire-fighting, aircraft sales, CALSTAR Life-Flight, business meetings and for nearly 40 years, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 512. The EAA sponsors the Young Eagles program which encourages young people to become involved in aviation.

During the 1980s, the Air Force flew the C-130 Cargo aircraft into Placerville for training purposes and now the California Army National Guard regularly flies their UH-6-Blackhawk helicopters as well as King Air fixed-wing aircraft into the Placerville Airport for training purposes.

The Placerville Airport remains irreplaceable and it is the Department's goal to invite the public to enjoy a day of appreciation for the airport on October 3, 2009. All are welcome to attend but the Department would like to encourage the youth of our County to attend. The youth of today will be running our world tomorrow.

An invitation has been extended to the students of the local middle schools and high schools along with the local colleges of the area and also to the Boys and Girls Club, to spark interest in the minds of children through young adults to ensure the continuation

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of the aviation community. We are hoping by bringing these young people together that we are essentially ensuring the airport and the aviation arena an even better and brighter future.

This year's event will be a fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado County.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. WARE, P.E. Director of Transportation

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