



PROCLAMATION

Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado
In Recognition of June 14, 2015, as Flag Day and the
61st Anniversary of the addition of "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance

WHEREAS, the American flag has been our national symbol, standing for freedom, justice and the resolve of our Nation, since the Second Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag on June 14, 1777; and,

WHEREAS, to commemorate the adoption of our nation's flag the United States Congress, by joint resolution approved on August 3, 1949, designated June 14th of each year as "Flag Day" and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy and was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code by Congress on June 22, 1942; and,

WHEREAS, in 1951, the Knights of Columbus began including the words "under God" in their Pledge of Allegiance, which led to their adoption of a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus, initiating their effort to urge Congress to adopt the policy for the entire nation; and,

WHEREAS, on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a joint resolution of Congress to amend § 4 of the Flag Code to incorporate the phrase "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes June 14, 2015, as Flag Day and as the 61st Anniversary of President Eisenhower's approval that formally included the words "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors urges all residents of the County of El Dorado to observe Flag Day by flying the flag from their homes and other appropriate places and to observe with pride June 14th as a time to honor America and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 9th day of June, 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors