

Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Recipient of the 2018 Wildfire Mitigation Award

Whereas, the Grizzly Fire Safe Council (GFFSC) has been nationally recognized as the recipient of the 2018 Wildfire Mitigation Award, the highest award for outstanding work and significant program impact in wildfire preparedness and mitigation; and

Whereas, since the formation of the GFFSC in 2004, they have kept a 25 member strong effective and professional volunteer organization. Because of their strong leadership and vision, the residents of Grizzly Flats have embraced the philosophy of community fire adaptation and are actively engaged in sustained risk reduction projects; and

Whereas, the GFFSC has maintained a "Community Wildfire Protection Plan" since 2006, completed 17 grant funded projects for over \$2.3 million, treated greater than 1500 acres of forest land with shaded fuel breaks and completed 625 Defensible Space Inspections biannually, coordinating with CALFIRE for enforcement; and

Whereas, they produced and distributed the "Grizzly Flats Community Awareness Manual" and other critical information to all residents. Additionally, they have coordinated and funded Community Clean Up Days and formed the biennial "Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Tabletop Wildfire Exercise," a one day simulation of a wildfire threatening the community and each agency's tactical responses; and

Whereas, the GFFSC has demonstrated leadership, commitment and cooperation in El Dorado County by participating in the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, by working with local, state and federal agencies to coordinate efforts for effective and efficient implementation of projects and by supporting and mentoring new Fire Safe Councils throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize and commend the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council as the recipient of this national award and for their outstanding service and continued cooperative efforts to reduce community wildfire risk.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of March, 2018.

Attest: James S. Mitrisin Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by:

Deputy Clerk

Michael Ranalli, Chair, Board of Supervisors