



PROCLAMATION
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

**Recognizing the 90th Birthday of Vikingsholm Castle
and the Efforts of Sierra State Parks Foundation**

WHEREAS, Vikingsholm Castle, a 38-room mansion, was erected in 1929 to be the summer home of Mrs. Lora Josephine Knight, a native of Illinois, after being inspired by the architecture of Norway, Sweden, and Finland; and

WHEREAS, the Castle and Emerald Bay where it stands became a California State Park in 1954 and is now a National and State of California Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Bay and Vikingsholm are one of the most visited and photographed sites in the entire nation, generating millions of dollars for the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Sierra State Parks Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting California State Parks in the Tahoe-Donner region; and

WHEREAS, state resources are inadequate to maintain Vikingsholm Castle in its current state or to address its long-term needs; and

WHEREAS, Sierra State Parks Foundation is coordinating the "90 for 90" endowment campaign to enlist 90 donors to donate \$1,000 or more for the Vikingsholm Forever Endowment; and

WHEREAS, this endowment will provide funding for the maintenance and upkeep of Vikingsholm so the Castle may survive as the guardian of Emerald Bay for another 90 years and beyond. Long may she live!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado recognizes and supports Sierra State Parks Foundation in their efforts to preserve and protect this Lake Tahoe Landmark for generations to come.

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 August, 2019.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Sue Novasel, Chair, Board of Supervisors