

## **A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, one of the most fundamental and sacred rights of our democracy is the right to vote; in order for our government to function effectively and respond to the needs of our people, citizens must play a role in shaping it. Each year on National Voter Registration Day, we reaffirm the strong sense of civic duty among our people and encourage friends, family members, and neighbors to get involved by registering to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, it is up to each individual, man and woman to exercise the right to vote, that so many struggled to obtain and protect for them. When we do not take full advantage of the right to vote, we not only give away our voice, we also give away the ability to shape our community's future; and

**WHEREAS**, we especially want to recognize that during this election cycle, which is taking place during a national pandemic, health concerns related to COVID-19 are causing extra internal conflict for voters and the need to exercise their right to vote in person at the polls. We want to reassure voters that every precaution will be taken to guarantee they will have access to a safe and sanitized place to cast their ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

**WHEREAS**, today, National Voter Registration Day, we recommit to exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans and take seriously our responsibility to make our voices heard in the next election cycle.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors recognizes September 22, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day and encourages all citizens to ensure that they are registered to vote.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020.