

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CALAVERAS RECOVERS FOR THEIR DETERMINATION,
DEDICATION AND HARD WORK HELPING THE SURVIVORS OF THE BUTTE FIRE
RETURN TO THE NEW NORMAL OF CALAVERAS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, On September 9, 2015, the Butte Fire erupted in Amador County crossing the Mokelumne River into Calaveras County at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the same date; and

WHEREAS, upon containment on October 1, 2015, the Butte Fire had consumed 70,868 acres destroying or damaging over 900 structures leaving numerous people and families without homes; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens and the County had never experienced such a catastrophic and traumatic event in recent memory; and,

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2015 Calaveras Recovers was organized under the direction of FEMA utilizing only citizen volunteers to help Butte Fire survivors; and,

WHEREAS Calaveras Recovers worked tirelessly to reach out to 1,006 households affected by the Butte Fire providing financial, spiritual, and emotional care; and,

WHEREAS, to date, 220 survivors have walked through the doors of Calaveras Recovers resulting in both immediate and long term needs being met; and,

WHEREAS, Calaveras Recovers with the help of the team of volunteers from faith based groups from all over the United States have built 7 homes with an additional 3 homes being constructed and nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, Calaveras Recovers also provided complete household contents for 26 households under the "House in a Box" program; and,

WHEREAS, Calaveras Recovers efforts continue both at the community and County level two years after the incident and have committed to stay intact so that the structure of the group is in place if called upon by the community; and,

WHEREAS, without the assistance of Calaveras Recovers and the many volunteer organizations working with them, recovery from the Butte Fire Incident would not have been achievable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Calaveras Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Calaveras Recovers and their immense effort to assist citizens after the worst catastrophic and traumatic event in the recent memory of Calaveras County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California, this 12th day of September, 2017.