

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

*Recognizing Caltrans District 1 and Konocti Conservation Camp Crews
for Outstanding Efforts to Mitigate Wildfire Risk in 2019*

- WHEREAS,** the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) routinely and substantially reduces the risk of wildfire for all Californians by implementing vegetation management practices described in the Penal Code and Streets and Highways Code, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- WHEREAS,** since April 1963, the Konocti Conservation Camp (CC#27), through cooperative efforts of the California Department of Forestry (CAL FIRE) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), has valuably contributed to hazardous tree and vegetation removal along public roadways and trails in Lake County; and
- WHEREAS,** a 2019 United States Congressional Research Service report noted 88% of all wildfires from 2014-2018 were human-caused, and many of those started near roadsides; and
- WHEREAS,** in the summer of 2019, Caltrans District 1, South Area, and CC#27 crews performed intensive roadside maintenance along California State Route 281 (SR281), also known as Soda Bay Road, clearing 50-100 on either side of the roadway in an effort to protect life and property of 12,000 nearby Lake County residents; and
- WHEREAS,** following District 5 Supervisor Rob Brown's, "1,000 Hands to Protect Lake County Homes" initiative, during which 300 volunteers removed brush from six miles of roadside in the Soda Bay corridor, Caltrans District 1 crews again prioritized timely removal of collected debris from alongside SR 281; and
- WHEREAS,** these preventive efforts collectively contributed to the safety and well-being of residents in the area surrounding SR 281 and all of Lake County.

THEREFORE, be it Proclaimed, the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend, congratulate, and express deep appreciation to Caltrans District 1 and Konocti Conservation Camp for their extraordinary efforts to mitigate wildfire risk in Lake County, and particularly the area surrounding SR 281, in 2019. Such preventive measures are paramount to limiting profound costs and regional disruption associated with large-scale disasters, and we are deeply grateful for the work of all involved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST: Carol J. Huchingson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

Deputy

Chairman, Board of Supervisors