

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Lives and Resilience: 10 Years Since the Valley Fire

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2015, the Valley Fire ignited near Cobb Mountain, becoming the third most destructive wildfire in California history at that time, burning 76,067 acres, destroying 1,955 structures, and forever altering the landscape of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Fire claimed the lives of five residents — Bruce Beven Burns, Robert Taylor Fletcher, Robert Litchman, Barbara McWilliams, and Leonard Neft — and seriously injured four firefighters, reminding us of the profound human cost of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Fire displaced thousands, caused hardship for countless families, and left indelible scars upon our communities; and

WHEREAS, the fire also revealed the strength of Lake County and its partners, as neighbors, first responders, emergency management and law enforcement mutual aid, local government agencies, tribal nations, nonprofits, and volunteers came together to protect lives, aid survivors, and begin the long road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, lessons learned from the Valley Fire continue to shape preparedness, response, and recovery efforts locally and across California, strengthening our resilience and guiding investments in fire prevention, stronger partnerships, and community education; and

WHEREAS, the courage of first responders, the compassion of volunteers, and the leadership shown in the face of adversity serve as a lasting testament to Lake County's spirit of resilience and unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake hereby recognizes the 10th Anniversary of the Valley Fire, honors the lives lost, expresses gratitude to all who aided in wildfire response, recovery, and calls upon the people of Lake County to continue building a safer, stronger, and more resilient future together.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors