

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

HONORING PHIL KIRBY ON 51 EVENTFUL YEARS
IN EDUCATION – 47 IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Learning has been a lifelong love for Phil Kirby, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1971 at Sacramento State University, and went on to attain a Master's degree in Educational Administration at the University of San Francisco (*culminated in 1980*); and

WHEREAS, Kirby began his teaching career at Sacramento's Holy Spirit School, and then moved Pittsburg Unified, where he established an innovative Community School program for expelled high school students throughout the District, transforming the course of many lives; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Kirby brought his substantial skill and energy to Lake County, providing strong leadership in Upper Lake Union High and Lower Lake Unified School Districts for nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he joined the Lake County Office of Education, and spent 20 years spearheading programs supporting students facing pivotal life experiences - Kirby was the Director of a Community and Court School for Lake County students (*a program he developed*) and the Pregnant Minor Program. He also served as Director of Child Welfare and Attendance, established the Countywide School Attendance Review Board, facilitated Crisis Intervention Prevention courses, and was a highly valued County Emergency Preparedness team member; and

WHEREAS, Kirby retired from teaching in 2007, but he did not leave the educational field, becoming a member of the Lakeport Unified School District Board of Trustees and North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, during his 51 years in education, he was a beacon of light to many thousands of students and their families, and his dedication to those who most needed a caring word and supportive hand will continue to bear fruit in the life of Lake County families and communities for many generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake does hereby honor and thank Phil Kirby for his five decades of exemplary service to the people of Lake County and the State of California, and wishes him exquisite joy, contentment, and renewal in retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors