

PROCLAMATION COMMENDING PETER WINDREM FOR HIS RELENTLESS PASSION OF PURSUING
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR LAKE COUNTY, ITS RESIDENT, AND ITS WILDLIFE

WHEREAS, in the 1970's Peter Windrem served on committees guiding mitigation and best practices for geothermal development in the Cobb watershed, joining Voris Brumfield and Roberta Lyons, among others, on steering and oversight committees; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's Peter Windrem addressed groups of people in an effort to enhance public understanding of the Gopecevis and Solano Decrees during periods of extensive flooding, urging that a balance be found between property rights and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's Peter Windrem was instrumental in the first substantial action by the Lake County Land Trust in acquiring the property for establishing the Rodman Preserve, persevering through the difficult issues of water rights and water usage centered on Rodman Slough; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000's, Peter Windrem supported the Watershed Protection District becoming a Non-Federal Sponsor of the Middle Creek Project; and

WHEREAS, during this same time period, Peter Windrem, along with others, helped create the Sierra Club Lake Group urging the group to begin monitoring Hitch migration which led to the formation of the Chi Council, a group who discusses actions on behalf of the threatened Hitch and the water around it; and

WHEREAS, by 2014, the Hitch, with the efforts of the Chi Council and others was listed by the State of California as a threatened species; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Peter Windrem, believing that the Middle Creek Project was a big part of the solution for the Hitch, convened the Middle Creek Restoration Coalition, a clearing house group created for building public support to push the project forward; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Middle Creek Restoration Coalition cooperated with the County in following Peter Windrem's suggestion to bring Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar Curry to view the site of the project in hopes it would garner her support for grant funding that had been requested from the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the grant of \$15 million was approved to move the Middle Creek Restoration Project forward as well as create the Blue Ribbon Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Peter Windrem, along with Dr. Harry Lyons, presented the state of the Middle Creek Project which inspired the birth of the Middle Creek Project Committee, a standing committee that follows and ensures that progress on the project is being made; and

WHEREAS, throughout the time that Peter Windrem has been on the Middle Creek Project Committee he has pushed to ensure compliance with the Department of Water Resources contract while sharing his ethical concerns on both the just management of Bloody Island and the long-term environmental impact to the water quality of Clear Lake and the increased chances of survival for the Hitch; and

WHEREAS, Peter Windrem works to bring people together, in person, on site to discuss all aspects of a project. His effectiveness stems from his knowledge of law and his pride in growing up here. He has the guts to respectfully and forcefully disagree with colleagues and then work to compromise.

WHEREAS, Peter Windrem has had a long history in understanding our environment, protecting our environment, and working to better our environment through various groups, committees, and agencies throughout Lake County and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake recognizes the vast contributions of Peter Windrem and share their unconditional gratitude to the great, and often selfless, service that he has provided to his community over the course of many decades.