

RESOLUTION NO. ____**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
AFFIRMING THE NAME “OLD DRY DIGGINS” AND THE NAME “OLD
HANGTOWN” AS HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT AS RECOGNIZED BY THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON HISTORICAL LANDMARK PLACARD NUMBER 475**

WHEREAS, Placerville was once known as Dry Diggins. The rich gold mining camp was established on the banks of Hangtown Creek in 1848, and the name derived from the manner in which the dry dirt was carted to a scarce water supply; and

WHEREAS, in 1849, the name Dry Diggins gave way to Hangtown as the town earned its notorious nickname due to its reputation for vigilante justice; and

WHEREAS, around 1850 the Temperance League and a few local churches began to request a more friendly name be bestowed upon the town; and

WHEREAS, the town, known as Hangtown, was officially renamed and incorporated as the City of Placerville in 1854; and

WHEREAS, “Old Dry Diggins- Old Hangtown- Placerville” is recognized by the State of California as Historical Landmark No. 475 due to its significance in California’s history. Two State of California markers exist. One can be found on eastbound Highway 50 approximately 500 feet before Canal Street intersection. A second marker can be found on the Northeast corner of Bedford Avenue and Main Street:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby acknowledge and recognize that “Old Dry Diggins” and “Old Hangtown” shall remain in our vernacular as the official historic nicknames of the City of Placerville as recognized by the State of California.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on April 27, 2021, by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Mayor Dennis Thomas

Regina O’Connell, City Clerk