



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE RECOGNIZING HOLLIS HENDERSON
FOR HIS PROFOUND AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Hollis Henderson is Marine legacy, serving in the United States Marine Corp from 1966 to 1987 after following in his family's footsteps. His ancestor, James Henderson, was proudly one of 6 "Queen's Marines" who signed with General George Washington and became the first Marines of the United States. Hollis served 3 tours in Vietnam, including 30 hours of flying non-stop helicopter rescue operations in Operation Frequent Wind during the fall of Saigon; and

WHEREAS, Hollis first served as the Toys for Tots Coordinator when he was stationed outside of Boston from 1982-1986 and was instrumental in computerizing the operations during a time when cell phones and laptops were non-existent, ensuring that the network of donations was successful in brightening Christmas mornings for children and families throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Toys for Tots Campaign is an all-encompassing effort, and from 2006 to 2016, Hollis became responsible for the Toys for Tots program throughout El Dorado County; and, over that 10-year span, 243,000 new toys were collected and at least 45,000 local children were blessed on Christmas morning thanks to these efforts and our community's generous support; and

WHEREAS, a favorite tradition was born when Christmas catastrophe happened. The only time the Placerville Christmas Parade was canceled, the Toys for Tots campaign got creative. That year, a Toys for Tots collection event was quickly organized around the Bell Tower. Good cheer abound, and an average of \$7,000.00 was collected during those weekend events, with all proceeds spent on toys from local stores in downtown Placerville; and

WHEREAS, Hollis is the embodiment of Toys for Tots, and during the ten years he served El Dorado County, it was his personal mission to ensure that the children in our county always had a special Christmas to remember and that they knew they were cared for, remembered, heard and loved:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Acuna, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, urge all citizens to join me in recognizing Hollis for his tireless and meaningful service to our community and extending him best wishes in all his future endeavors.

Date: December 10, 2019

Mayor Mark A. Acuna