



**A Proclamation of the City Council
of the City of Placerville Declaring May 29, 2023,
as Memorial Day at the El Dorado County Veterans' Monument**

WHEREAS: Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first proclaimed by General John Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic on May 5, 1868 and was first observed on May 30th of that same year. General Logan made this proclamation to honor the soldiers who died during the Civil War, but also to bring all Americans back together; and

WHEREAS: our great Nation is founded on the ideals of liberty and all individuals are created equal and we, as free citizens, have called on our military to protect those ideals, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their own lives in defense of our Nation and her ideals; and

WHEREAS: as we honor their ultimate sacrifice, we must never forget our continued liberty and freedom is indeed not free, and it is our duty as citizens to uphold the principles they fought and died defending; and

WHEREAS: from the battlefield at Antietam, the trenches along the Somme, the beaches of Normandy, in the jungles of Vietnam, and the deserts of the Middle East, Americans have given their lives in the defense of our country and our unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS: this Memorial Day, we honor all the El Dorado County veterans who died defending our freedoms:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Nash Saragosa, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023, as Memorial Day at the El Dorado County Veterans' Monument. We stand here today, proud, and part of a grateful Nation to pay our solemn respect to all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and ideals.

Dated: May 29, 2023

Mayor Michael Nash Saragosa