

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PLACERVILLE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ON  
MAY 29, 2026**

- WHEREAS:** the Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas, Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw a need to involve law enforcement with their communities and the Special Olympics; and
- WHEREAS:** since the inception of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, it has become a global event, with over 100,000 law enforcement members carrying the “Flame of Hope” annually and has raised over \$1 billion globally for the Special Olympics programs and athletes; and
- WHEREAS:** the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Northern California was established in 1997 and since then has raised over \$20 million; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Placerville enthusiastically supports the Special Olympics as the world’s largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities, providing year-round training and activities; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Placerville wishes to commend the efforts of the Placerville Police Department, Placerville California Highway Patrol, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South Lake Tahoe California Highway Patrol, El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office, and Sacramento County in support of Special Olympics of Northern California;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nicole Gotberg, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 29th, 2026 as

**“Torch Run Day” in the City of Placerville**

And join with the participating law enforcement personnel in support of the Special Olympics Northern California

Dated: May 26, 2026

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Mayor Nicole Gotberg