

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 22-106
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARGONAUT)
MINE DISASTER)

WHEREAS, in 1922 the Argonaut Mine was the second richest mine in California, producing more than \$25 million in gold before being closed in 1942; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 1922, a fire in the main shaft of the Argonaut Mine trapped 47 miners 4,350 feet underground with no escape, which launched a doomed rescue effort that would take 22 days and the heroic labor of hundreds of miners, engineering experts, women of the Red Cross, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, as many as 200 men from throughout the Mother Lode gold region worked almost three weeks to reach the trapped miners, wheelbarrowing rock and debris through a tunnel too narrow to allow ore carts and too low for the men to stand up; and

WHEREAS, the Argonaut Mine rescue attempt drew worldwide media attention to Jackson, California, with an army of reporters and motion picture crews arriving by plane, train, automobile and motorcycle to cover the tragedy which remains the worst mining disaster in California history; and

WHEREAS, the 47 miners who died in the disaster were mostly immigrants, listing birthplaces in 13 countries, and representing the cultural melting pot that remains in Amador County and California; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, California Governor William Stephens appointed a special committee to investigate the conditions in the mine and causes of the disaster, releasing seventeen mine safety recommendations which began a decades long progress toward Federal regulation and safety enforcement in the mining industry; and

WHEREAS, BETWEEN August 27-September 24, 2022, on the 100th anniversary of the disaster, a collaboration of Amador County civic, historical, religious and arts organizations are planning memorial and living history events in Jackson to commemorate the lives of the 47 men lost and the impact of the disaster on the community and the mining industry.

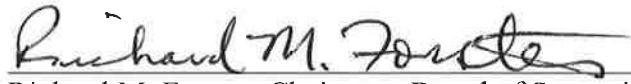
THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby join with the citizens of Jackson and Amador County, the descendants of the Argonaut miners and rescuers, and the Argonaut Mine Disaster Centennial Commemoration Committee in recognition of the events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Argonaut Mine Disaster, memorializing the lives lost and the physical and spiritual effort expended in the rescue effort.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 9th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Richard M. Forster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy