

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 15-013
PRESTON CASTLE FOUNDATION UPON)	
RECEIVING THE DEED TO PRESTON CASTLE)	
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	

WHEREAS, in 1889 Senate Bill 402 was introduced by Senator Preston and signed by Governor Waterman establishing a reform school known as Preston School of Industry; and

WHEREAS, between 1890 and 1891 construction continued working with a budget of \$63,950.00. In 1892 construction stopped due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1893 legislation was passed to fund \$145,000.00 to complete and furnish the school and E. Carl Bank was selected as the first Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, in 1894 the school officially opened and the first seven wards arrived from San Quentin; and

WHEREAS, between 1895 and 1898 electricity in the Castle was provided by two Pelton Water Wheels, bricks made of red clay found onsite were used to complete the Annex and an air whistle connected to the water pump housed at the Power House was used to alert citizens of escapes and;

WHEREAS, between 1913 and 1929 the Colonial opened as Honor Cottage 1, the third floor of the castle was renovated and used as a hospital and later remodeled to be used as apartments for employees; and

WHEREAS, the Castle was designated as California State Landmark #867 in 1974 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 the Centennial celebration draws a crowd of up to 4,000 visitors to the Castle and the cornerstone was opened; and

WHEREAS, IN 1999 the Historic Preston Restoration Foundation disbanded and the Preston Castle Foundation was formed; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Preston Castle and twelve acres were deeded to the Preston Castle Foundation by the State of California.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California that said Board does hereby recognize and congratulate the Preston Castle Foundation on receiving the deed to Preston Castle and the attached property from the State of California.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of March 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Brian Oneto, John Plasse, Louis D. Boitano, Richard M. Forster, and Lynn A. Morgan

NOES: None



Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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



Deputy