

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE)
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF)
AMADOR CITY)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-044

WHEREAS, Miwok Indians populated the area prior to settlers coming in the late 1840's, and the first non-native people to live in the area came in June 1848 -- Jose Amador, Antonio Sunol, and Mr. Sausevain. This small company of men came after hearing of the gold discovery at Sutter's Mill. With sufficient haste, these men met with James Marshall at Sutter's Mill in Coloma and learned of a "dry place" known as Amador City; and

WHEREAS, in 1851, S. A. Davidson discovered a gold vein in the outcroppings of a hill side spring of what is now known as Amador City. This began the numerous underground gold mines in the City -- the Original Amador Mine, Keystone Mine, and Spring Hill Mine; and

WHEREAS, around the gold mines, the City began to grow on its current location with wood frame cabins and a few retail businesses, such as the Amador Hotel which was established in 1855. A post office was established in 1863, telephone service in 1878, and electricity in the 1890's; and

WHEREAS, a fire in 1876 destroyed a portion of the town, and then on Saturday, June 15, 1878, the "Great Fire" swept through Amador City's commercial district. Almost every building on Main Street burned to the ground with only 3 buildings surviving the fire; parts of Amador Hotel, the Fleehart Building, and the bottom floor of Torre's Hall; and

WHEREAS, in 1879, the Sacramento Union reported "Amador City stands among the liveliest and most go ahead towns on the Pacific Coast. It is situated in a romantic spot on the Jackson and Drytown wagon road, two miles from the Sutter Creek.

WHEREAS, Amador City was incorporated on Wednesday, June 2, 1915 and the vote for incorporation took place on Monday, May 24, 1915, with 92 ayes and 63 nays; and

WHEREAS, The Consolidated Keystone Mine (originally Spring Hill Mine & Keystone Mine) became the most famous and productive mine in Amador City, produced about \$24 million in gold between 1853 and 1942. In the 1879 Amador Canal Company report, the Keystone shipped an average of \$40,000.00 in gold a month for the previous fifteen years, \$7,680,000.00 from 1863 -- 1878; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 8, 1942, the U.S. War Production Board issued Limitation Order L-208, closing the nation's gold mines. Lacking any other natural resources, Amador City went into a decline in the 1940's and became a virtual ghost town, with most of the Main Street commercial district boarded up; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960's Amador City began its rebirth as a tourist destination and today, the century old wineries in Amador County are flourishing and have opened up wine tasting rooms in Amador City. Along with Antique shops and the refurbished Imperial Hotel, Amador City continues to be a popular tourist destination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby recognize Amador City on their Centennial Anniversary.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of May, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brian Oneto



John Plasse, Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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



Deputy