

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2024 AS CIVIL )  
GRAND JURY AWARENESS MONTH IN AMADOR COUNTY ) RESOLUTION NO. 24-015

WHEREAS, every year in each of California's 58 counties, 19 ordinary citizens take an oath to voluntarily serve a term of one year as Grand Jurors; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury system was brought to the United States with the colonists, and the first Grand Jury in America was impaneled in 1635; and

WHEREAS, Amador County Grand Jury was organized in 1854; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is truly an independent investigative body, operationally separate from the entities and officials they investigate and who are officers of the court under the guidance of the Amador County Superior Court Presiding Judge; and

WHEREAS, certain responsibilities of the Grand Jury are mandated by State law, and the Grand Jury has jurisdictional rights to investigate City and County departments, school districts, and special districts; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is composed of 19 citizens who will represent the citizens of the county in making recommendations for improvements to our local government; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury, decides what areas of local government they are going to investigate or review during the year. One of the most important functions of the Grand Jury is to review the operations of the officers, departments and agencies of local government and special districts; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury receives and reviews complaints from citizens within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury's investigative process may or may not result in reports. Those fact-finding reports identify specific problems and provide specific recommendations for governmental improvement and/or identify commendations; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is recognized for their dedicated service and their dedicated time volunteering to make Amador County governmental and special district entities more efficient for the best interest of the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of Amador, State of California, does hereby designate the month of February 2024 to be declared "Civil Grand Jury Month" in Amador County and to encourage citizen participation in the Grand Jury process.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
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Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

 Deputy

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(02/06/2024)