

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING
TRIBAL MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
POMO INDIANS FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS
FIGHTING THE REDWOOD COMPLEX FIRE

WHEREAS, A wind-whipped fire storm starting in the middle of the night on Sunday, October 8, 2017, furiously traveled at a high speed from the neighboring valley of Potter west into Redwood Valley; and

WHEREAS, the glow of the fire storm was visible in the hills at midnight by tribal members and by 12:30 am on Monday people were being notified door to door to prepare to leave their homes followed by a full evacuation as the fire was quickly approaching; and

WHEREAS, the community went into full action with some turning off gas at residences while others of the tribe ran for the newly purchased water truck to hose down houses, a tractor to grade fire lines around the community, the ATV and a close by neighbor who was alerted showed up with a Bobcat; and

WHEREAS, a crew of tribal men fought the fire through the night saving all but three homes even though the raging fire came within inches of most houses on the Rancheria. The work they did, even though untrained as fire fighters, diverted further disaster away from their nearby neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes Ryan Hoel, Anthony Nevarez, Matt Smith, Matthew Espinoza, Rodney Espinoza, Steven Espinoza, Rudy Flores, Donny Nevarez, Mark Ray, Eddie Nevarez and Joseph Gutierrez for their great heroism during the most horrific disaster Mendocino County has faced.

THANK YOU

Dated: February 6, 2018

Dan Hamburg, Chair