

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

*A Proclamation Posthumously Recognizing Battalion Chief
Matthew Burchett for his Dedication, Service,
and his Ultimate Sacrifice*

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2018 the Ranch Fire of the Mendocino Complex began burning, ultimately growing to be the largest wildfire in California history, threatening the lives, homes, and property of Lake County citizens and resulting in the evacuation of tens of thousands of Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, firefighters from across the United States were asked to provide mutual aid to battle this massive wildfire; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Matthew Burchett of the Draper City Fire Department in Utah responded to this call for assistance with bravery and dedication, leaving his home and his wife, young son, family members, and loved ones to serve where he was needed most; and

WHEREAS, he heroically fought this massive wildfire side by side with fellow firefighters in hot, dry, windy conditions to save the lives and property of people he had never meet; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County community and Lake County Board of Supervisors are forever grateful for Battalion Chief Matthew Burchett's knowledge, skills, abilities, action, dedication and years of training; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2018 Battalion Chief Matthew Burchett made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while responding to the Ranch Fire of the Mendocino Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County community and the Lake County Board of Supervisors deeply mourn his loss; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Lake, California does, hereby, posthumously recognize Battalion Chief Matthew Burchett for his dedication, service, and his ultimate sacrifice.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2018.