

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## *PROCLAMATION*

### DESIGNATING MAY 1-7, 2026 AS ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Lakeport Elks Lodge #2704 will sponsor an observance of the national Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks National Youth Week, May 1-7, 2026, to honor America's junior citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to community, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

**WHEREAS**, our youth need the guidance, inspiration, and encouragement which we can give, in cooperation with other local agencies and partners, to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership roles in our nation and communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, for over 19 years Lakeport Elks Lodge has promoted the annual Elks National Americanism Essay Contest, which is open to all student in the fifth through eighth grades. Last year 150 essays were submitted to the State level finals; and

**WHEREAS**, this year Lakeport Elks had a fun turnout as they participated in the Elks National Hoop Shoot which has been unleashing gritty kids ages 8 to 13 for over 50 years. Hoop Shoot is committed to making contests fully inclusive and safe for all participants and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Lakeport Elks Lodge #2704 is giving \$9,000 in scholarships to five outstanding seniors from Lake County's three public high schools this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP) has been recognized as the largest all-volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. Elks believe to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Lakeport Elks Lodge #2704 participates in the Lake County Sheriff's Athletic League (SAL), which builds relationships between law enforcement and local youth through sporting activities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake, do hereby designate May 1-7, 2026, Elks National Youth Week in Lake County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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Chair, Board of Supervisors