

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO. Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE. February 23, 2010

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Present a Commendation congratulating the City of Colfax on the 100th anniversary of their incorporation February 23, 1910 in Placer County

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

The City of Colfax will celebrate their 100th anniversary for incorporation as a City on February 23, 2010. This small but robust City in Placer County was named after Schuyler Colfax, then Speaker of the House and later Vice President of the United States. Gold miners first settled in the area as early as 1849. It flourished for many years as a railroad junction for passengers, agricultural goods and gold. During the first decade of the 20th century, the area became attractive as a world renowned respite for the treatment of tuberculosis which spearheaded the purpose for incorporation. Colfax is known today as a popular foothills location to live and enjoy in Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation congratulating
the City of Colfax on the 100th anniversary of their
incorporation February 23, 1910 in Placer County**

WHEREAS, Colfax is located in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, strategically “above the fog and below the snow”, and

WHEREAS, although miners are documented to have settled in the area as early as 1849, the original town site was surveyed and laid out in 1865 at the construction staging site known as Camp 20 on the line of the Central Pacific’s Transcontinental Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the name “Colfax ’ was chosen in honor of Schuyler Colfax, then Speaker of the House and later Vice President of the United States, by the California Central Railroad executives, and

WHEREAS, for many years Colfax flourished as a junction for the transport of passengers, agricultural goods and gold, and

WHEREAS, in the first decade of the 20th century the area became attractive for the development of what became a world renowned respite for the treatment of tuberculosis for which purpose incorporation was essential, and

WHEREAS, Colfax has always demonstrated a great sense of community through sports education and political endeavors and is dedicated to the preservation of its heritage as recognized through numerous local, state and federal acknowledgements, and

WHEREAS, Colfax was officially incorporated by popular vote on February 23, 1910, held its first formal meeting of the “Board of Trustees” and appointed its first mayor on March 10, 1910

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in congratulating the City of Colfax on the 100th anniversary of their incorporation and is especially pleased to make this presentation on **February 23, 2010**, their official 100th birthday during regular session at the Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting

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