



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 26, 2021

FROM: Leah Rosasco, Senior Administrative Aide

SUBJECT: Resolution – Support for a proclamation requesting the State of California recognize the Tevis Cup 100 Miles One Day Ride and the Western States 100 Mile Run as the State’s official endurance events as requested by District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a resolution in support of a proclamation requesting the State of California recognize the Tevis Cup 100 Miles One Day Ride and the Western States 100 Mile Run as the State’s official endurance events.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 14, 2003, the Auburn City Council declared the City of Auburn as the "Endurance Capital of the World." The documented history of endurance competitions in the Auburn area goes back more than 50 years. Staff is seeking adoption of a Resolution in support of a proclamation requesting that the State of California recognize the Tevis Cup 100 Miles One Day Ride and the Western States 100 Mile Run as the State’s official endurance events.

This request was submitted to District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson by Mike Holmes of Auburn, who is spearheading efforts to obtain said recognition by the State of California for these endurance events. Mr. Holmes has obtained the support and approval to proceed with this request to the State of California from the Auburn Endurance Capital Committee and the City of Auburn and will be submitting this request to the State on behalf of these two entities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Resolution

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING A REQUEST THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZE THE TEVIS CUP 100 MILES ONE DAY RIDE AND THE WESTERN STATES 100 MILE RUN AS CALIFORNIA'S OFFICIAL ENDURANCE EVENTS**

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the Western States Trail extended from Salt Lake, across the Great Basin, and over the Sierra Nevada mountain range to Sacramento during the westward expansion of the United State.

WHEREAS, in 1931 a group led by Wendell Robie and Robert Montgomery Watson started to explore the route across the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range from Auburn to Lake Tahoe and determined the distance was 100 miles.

WHEREAS, the modern-day Western States 100 Miles One Day Trail Ride was first held in 1955. Four of the five riders successfully completed the trek on horseback. The current ride averages between 150 and 200 horse and rider combinations. Since 1955 the Ride has grown to over 10,500 starters and 5,700 finishers.

WHEREAS, in 1974 Gordon Ainsleigh, DC completed the first foot race over the same 100 miles of trail. This unique accomplishment became the basis for the now-famous Western States Endurance Run, the world's premier ultra-runner trail event.

WHEREAS, in December 2018, when the run's annual lottery for entry was held, 5,862 pre-qualified ultra-runners from throughout the United States and overseas vied for one of only 369 spots in the 2019 race. The unique number is set in cooperation with the US Forest Service in consideration of the impact on the Tahoe National Forest.

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2003 the Auburn City Council declared City of Auburn, California "The Endurance Capital of the World" in view of the Western States 100 Miles One Day Trail Ride and the Western States Endurance Run, and other events in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby requests that the California Legislature and Governor declare these endurance events the official 100-mile endurance events for the State of California.

