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TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Bruce Kranz, District 5
DATE: August 26, 2008
SUBJECT: Approve a Commendation Congratulating State Senator Dave Cox for his Authoring, and Leadership, in the Passage of Senate Bill 1159 – the Truckee River Alcohol Ban (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2008)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a commendation congratulating State Senator Dave Cox for his authoring, and leadership, in the passage of Senate Bill 1159 – the Truckee River Alcohol Ban (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2008).

BACKGROUND:

In February 2008, the Placer County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution requesting that the State Legislature introduce and support urgency legislation that would allow the Placer County Board of Supervisors to ban alcohol along a limited stretch of the Truckee River where thousands of rafters descend on the river. During the 2007 July 4 holiday period, increased alcohol-related misconduct had created a significant public health and safety hazard and environmental degradation to the river and surrounding area. The Board recognized that immediate action needed to be taken to resolve these problems and sought out the assistance of the State Legislature.

On behalf of Placer County, State Senator Dave Cox authored Senate Bill 1159, an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board to prohibit alcohol along a specified portion of the Truckee River.

Senator Cox's leadership and extraordinary efforts with both houses of the State Legislature resulted in the required two-thirds passage of the bill in both the Assembly and Senate. On June 30, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill into law (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2008) to take effect immediately and Placer County was able to implement the legislation in time for the 2008 July 4 holiday period.

As a result of the successful passage of Senate Bill 1159, the 2008 July 4 holiday weekend was described by many in the community as the 'best Fourth of July holiday in a long time.' Most agreed that the legislation was instrumental in bringing back a family atmosphere to the Truckee River and Tahoe City over the holiday period.

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COMMENDATION



In the matter of a Commendation congratulating California State Senator Dave Cox for his authoring, and leadership in the passage of, Senate Bill 1159 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2008).

WHEREAS, Senator Dave Cox was first elected to the State Legislature in 1998, he has served, with distinction, the great people of the State of California and the citizens of Placer County; and

WHEREAS, in February 2008 the Placer County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a Resolution requesting that the State Legislature introduce and support urgency legislation that would authorize the Board of Supervisors to ban alcohol along a limited stretch of the Truckee River where thousands of rafters embark on the river, primarily during the Fourth of July holiday period; and

WHEREAS, an increase in alcohol-related misconduct, on and along this portion of the Truckee River had created a significant public health and safety hazard, a negative experience for tourists and families, and considerable environmental degradation to the river and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2008, Senator Dave Cox introduced Senate Bill 1159, an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit alcohol along a specified portion of the Truckee River; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cox's leadership and extraordinary efforts with both houses of the State Legislature resulted in the required two-thirds passage of the bill in both the Assembly and the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Board of Supervisors also wishes to recognize and extend our appreciation to Senator Cox's staff for their assistance in securing the passage of Senate Bill 1159; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law Senate Bill 1159 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2008), to take effect immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors extends its sincere gratitude to State Senator Dave Cox for his efforts on behalf of the citizens of Placer County and for his service to the great people of the State of California.

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