

**EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10**

IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF EL DORADO CITIZENS FOR A UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, El Dorado County desires a University within its borders to educate its youth and the underserved youth of the surrounding counties so that the state and the nation may admirably compete in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County offers an extraordinary environment with beautiful Mediterranean landscapes, excess water availability, abundant natural resources, recreational opportunities and a quality of life second to none; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County and its' surrounds have presented itself as a welcoming and valued location for a burgeoning scientific and high-tech industry as well as a unique environment for sustainability research; and

WHEREAS, with the positive work-life balance that our citizens enjoy, the absence of a four-year university stands as gaping deficit in the county and drives our youth to other regions in search of education and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, economic development experts point that the presence of a four-year university will be a major contributing factor to economic growth and prosperity in the region, while parents understand that a local university will encourage the highest level of educational attainment enabling our youth to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County General Plan, adopted July 2004, Statement of Vision, lists "[E]ncourage efforts to locate a four-year college, "as a future growth goal; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors unanimously supported the pursuit of a university for El Dorado County at their March 10, 2015, and January 5, 2016, meetings and gave their support to the efforts of El Dorado County Citizens for a University (as they are now known).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the El Dorado County Board of Education supports the efforts of the El Dorado County Citizens for a University and supports the mission to bring a four-year university to El Dorado County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the El Dorado Board of Education at a regular meeting of said El Dorado County Board of Education, held the 6th day of September, 2016.

Rich Fischer, President
El Dorado County Board of Education

ATTEST:

Ed Manansala, Ed.D.
El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools