

# Proclamation

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC GIANT SEQUOIA LEGACY TREE

WHEREAS, for nearly a century, Visalia has been known as the "Gateway to the Sequoias"; and

WHEREAS, Visalia was the starting point for the Mather Mountain Party, which set out in 1916 on a trek through the Sequoias. This trek resulted in the creation of the National Park Service by President Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, The Giant Sequoia Legacy Tree was planted in Visalia in February 1936 and was brought from the Grant Grove area by Guy Hopping. The local postmaster, Nathan Levy, and Guy Hopping planted the tree as a symbol of their partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Visalia Convention and Visitors Bureau set out to honor the historic Giant Sequoia Legacy Tree and shine a light on Visalia's connection to the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the Visalia Convention and Visitors Bureau transformed the plot of land surrounding the Giant Sequoia Legacy Tree to honor the partnership between the City of Visalia and the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. This plot of land now features an educational display that will enable both visitors and residents to learn about Visalia's history; and

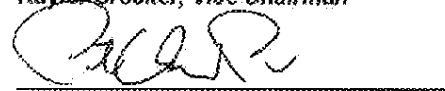
WHEREAS, through community partnerships, the Visalia Convention and Visitors Bureau created an outdoor space for children and adults alike, to honor the majestic Giant Sequoia Trees and recognize the important role that Visalia had in the creation of the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks as well as the National Park Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the historic Giant Sequoia Legacy Tree as a symbol of friendship with our neighbors, the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and emphasize the importance of conserving our natural resources, as the Giant Sequoia Legacy Tree is dedicated on this date.

April 28, 2018




  
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