

Proclamation

HONORING IMPERIAL AMBULANCE, INC. ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Imperial Ambulance, Inc. is a locally owned and operated business that has been providing the highest level of emergency and non-emergency care to the city of Porterville and surrounding unincorporated communities since 1960; and

WHEREAS, Charles Hargis purchased Imperial Ambulance, Inc. from the Porterville Fire Department and later partnered with Myron Wilcox. Both men responded to calls with two old ambulances, a 1956 Cadillac and a 1958 Pontiac; and

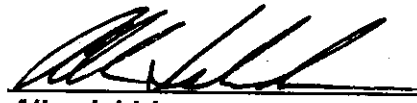
WHEREAS, in 1962, the company's office manager, Orville Lofton, bought out Hargis and added a funeral coach and limousine service to the business. Together, Lofton and Wilcox responded to calls; and

WHEREAS, today, Imperial Ambulance, Inc. is owned by Wilcox, and Lofton's two daughters, Linda Robinson and Emily Thiroux. They have 13 full-time and 31 part-time employees; and

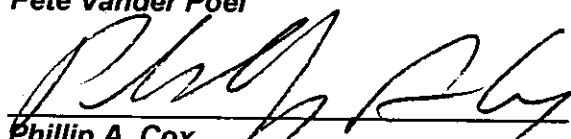
WHEREAS, Imperial Ambulance, Inc. has been a tremendous community partner by participating in such events as parades, fireworks shows, Relay for Life, the Santa Fe Elementary School car show, the Porterville Health Career Fair, the Senior Citizen Spring Ball, the Star Prom for the disabled, Porterville Celebrates Reading, and the Porterville City Fair, among others.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor Imperial Ambulance, Inc. on its 50th anniversary and its continuing effort to employ skilled medical professionals who provide emergency and non-emergency care with the utmost compassion to Tulare County's patients.

December 4, 2010

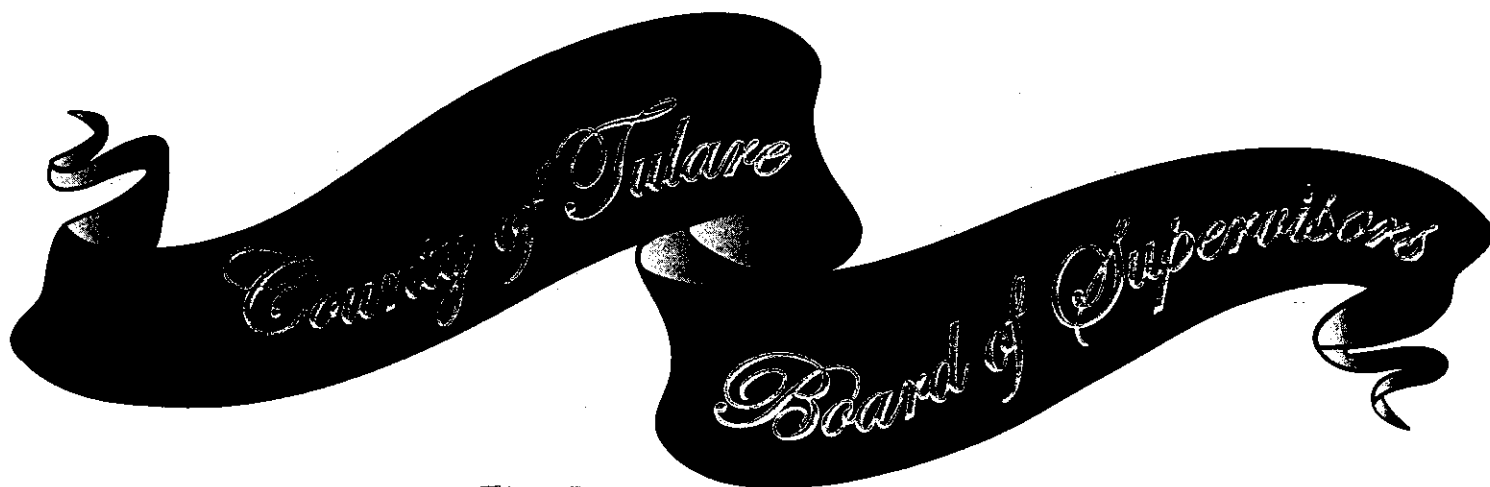

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Pete Vander Poel


Phillip A. Cox


J. Steven Worthley, Chairman


Mike Ennis, Vice Chairman



Proclamation

HONORING DARREL L. PYLE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TULARE

"As a local government professional, I am honored to serve the Citizens and the City Council of the City of Tulare. I have not seen a more dedicated staff and more selfless body of elected officials in the delivery of Municipal services. The level of community support and volunteerism is only one small example of people working together for the betterment of Tulare." Darrel Pyle

WHEREAS, a city manager is an official appointed as the administrative manager of a city; and

WHEREAS, Darrel L. Pyle was hired by the Tulare City Council on December 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Darrel began his public service career as an Auditor-Appraiser for the Tulare County Assessor's Office after earning a degree from California State University, Fresno in 1988; and

WHEREAS, prior to his five-year term with the City of Tulare, Darrel served an equal amount of time as deputy city manager for the City of Porterville, and in 1996 served five years as assistant finance director for the City of Visalia; and

WHEREAS, in a time of unprecedented growth, Darrel and the city council managed to complete projects such as the construction of a new skate park and the construction of a \$14 million public library in Tulare; and

WHEREAS, Darrel also made efforts to expand Tulare's economy by bringing in Super Target, Love's Travel Center, and a Western Meat Packing Plant and negotiating the \$80 million expansion of Land-O-Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Darrel Pyle for his five years of public service to the City of Tulare.

December 2, 2010

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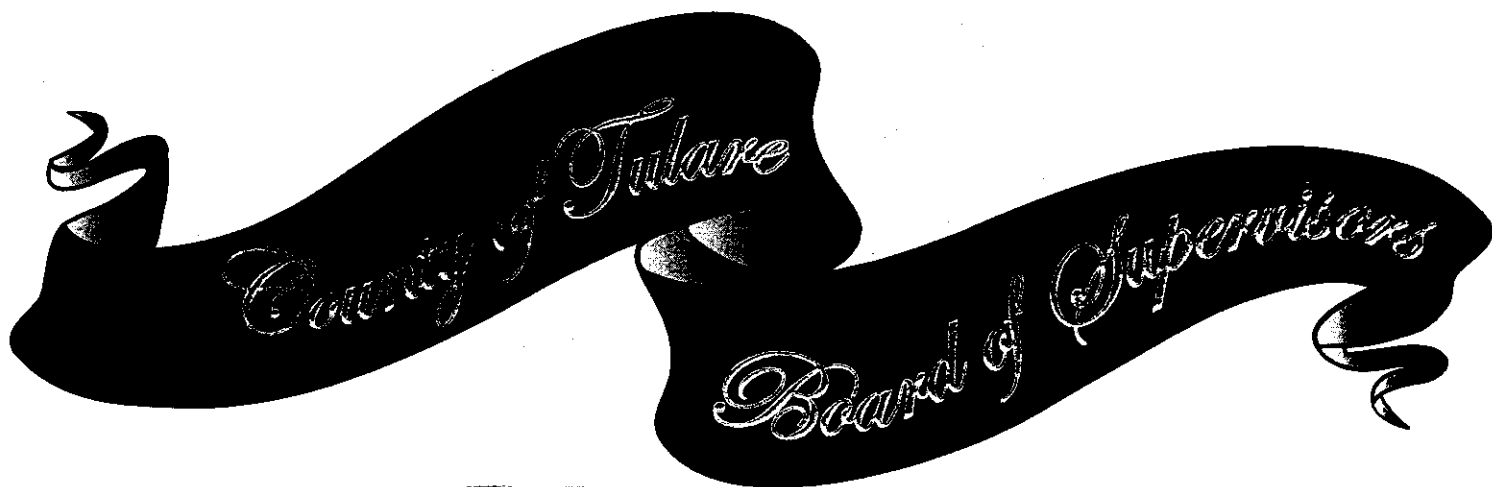
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J. Steven Worthley, Chairman

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Mike Ennis, Vice Chair



Proclamation

HONORING PHIL VANDEGRIFT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TULARE

WHEREAS, Phil Vandegrift first served on the Tulare City Council from 1975 to 1983. More than 20 years later, Phil was reelected to the Tulare City Council in 2004 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Phil had the opportunity to serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the City Council, Phil represented the City of Tulare on various boards and commissions such as the San Joaquin Valley Task Force on air pollution, the Tulare County Association of Governments and the Tulare County Council of Cities; and


WHEREAS, Phil also showed a passion for the City of Tulare by participating in community groups such as the Tulare Cemetery Board, the Tulare Veterans Memorial District Board, and the Tulare Board of Realtors; and


WHEREAS, under Phil's leadership, the City of Tulare expanded services by constructing a new library and fire station, got voters to approve a sales tax increase that has been used for public safety, including the repair of streets, the renovation of Zumwalt Park, and construction of the Tulare Youth Softball field.

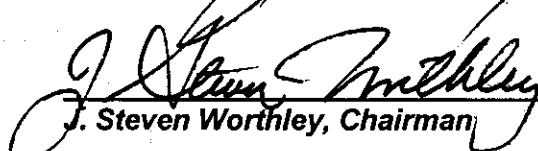
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Phil Vandegrift for his many years of public service to the City of Tulare.

December 2, 2010

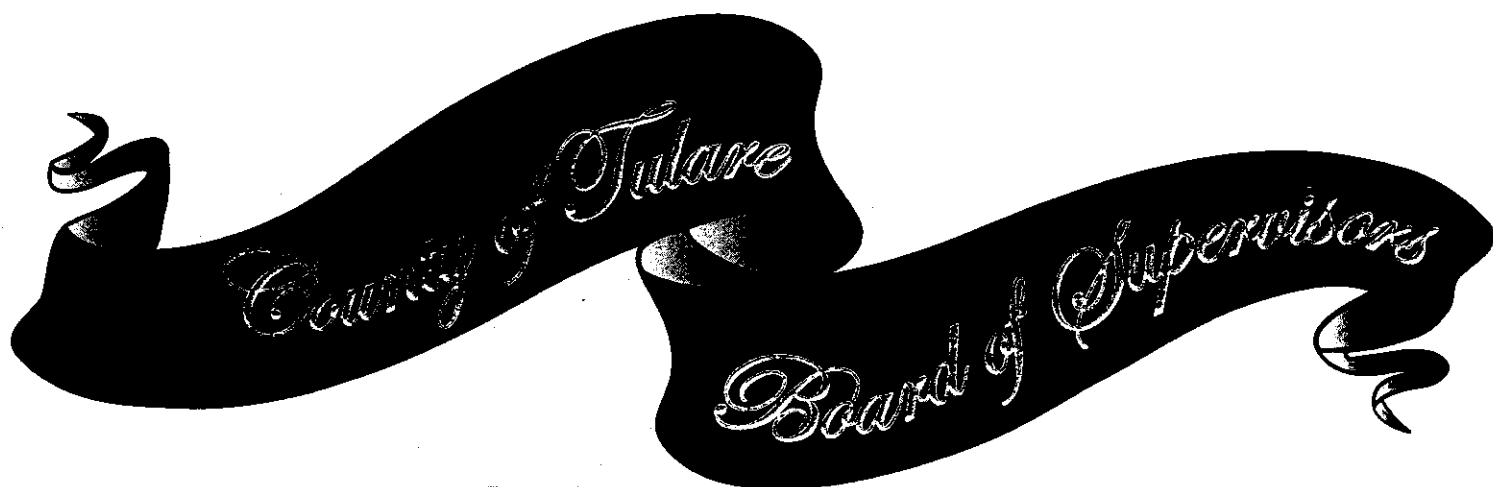

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Proclamation

HONORING RICHARD ORTEGA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TULARE

WHEREAS, Richard Ortega was appointed to the Tulare City Council in August 2001 to fill a vacancy left by the death of Council Member Reatha Retherford; and

WHEREAS, Richard was elected to the City Council in November 2002 for a four-year term; served as Mayor from December 2004 to December 2006; and was reelected for an additional four-year term in November 2006; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the City Council, Richard represented the City of Tulare on various boards and commissions such as the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, the Tulare Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Tulare County Association of Governments, and the City Library Building Project Committee, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, under Richard's leadership, the City of Tulare expanded services by constructing a new library and fire station, got voters to approve a sales tax increase that has been used for public safety, including the repair of streets, and renovated Zumwalt Park; and

WHEREAS, Richard's passion has been to improve downtown Tulare and he has fostered a vision that includes mixed-use developments and other changes that would bring more people to not only shop but to live in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Ortega's service to the community began long before his council tenure. A strong believer in education, he served two years on the Tipton School board and 17 on the Tulare Joint Union High School District board. Richard was also the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee that worked to bring the University of California, Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center to Tulare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Richard Ortega for his years of public service to the City of Tulare.

December 2, 2010

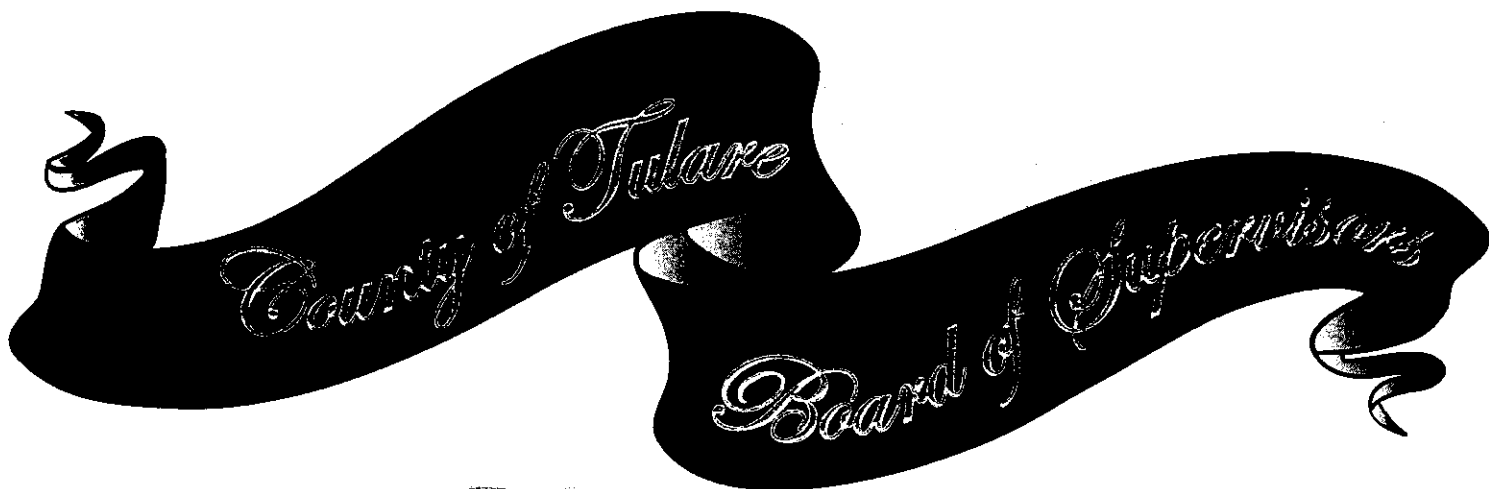
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Proclamation

HONORING GREG HARDCASTLE FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO TULARE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Gregory Hardcastle is retiring as Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder after six terms as an elected official and 36 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Greg began his career in public service as an accountant in the Tulare County Auditor-Controller's office in 1972, then moved on to the Tulare County Assessor's office and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Greg moved to the private sector to work as a CPA and eventually was a self-employed CPA specializing in income tax preparation; and


WHEREAS, Greg won the first of his six terms as Assessor in 1986. In addition to his duties as Assessor, during those 24 years Greg represented Tulare County in the California Assessors' Association, becoming President in 1997. Greg was also actively involved in several community groups including Rotary Club of Visalia, the International Association of Assessing Officers and the American Institute of CPA's; and


WHEREAS, in retirement, Greg will be able to enjoy his many hobbies, which include golf, hunting, fishing and cooking.

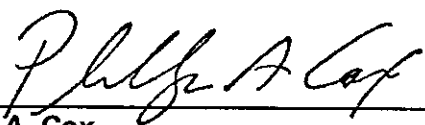
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Greg Hardcastle for his dedication and commitment to a fair and equitable property tax system for the residents of Tulare County.


December 11, 2010




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J. Steven Worthley, Chairman


Mike Ennis, Vice Chair