



IN HONOR OF BERKELEY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY CAMPS STAFF

- WHEREAS,** since 1922, Echo Lake Family Camp in the south Lake Tahoe area of the Sierra mountains has been a cherished institution serving thousands of Berkeley residents and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 14, 2021, the Caldor Fire started more than 32 miles away from Echo Lake Camp, sending smoke throughout the region and causing us to close camp; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 17th, a crew of three Echo Lake Camp Maintenance Mechanics remained to work in challenging smoky conditions to secure the Camp facility from the approaching fire; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 24th, shifts of City of Berkeley Firefighters comprised of sixteen staff began traveling to Camp to defend the property under extremely hazardous conditions. They cleared vegetation from around buildings and structures, setup water pumping stations at the Camp pool and Echo Lake, created fuel breaks and fire lines around the property, and assisted our Camp Maintenance Mechanics as they took down tent tarps, cleared the site, and readied the Camp for the approaching fire; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 30th, the front lines of the Caldor Fire reached Camp, and for several days Berkeley Firefighters were engaged in active fire fights. At one point, the intensity of the fire forced the Berkeley Firefighters to leave Camp, but they returned immediately afterwards and fought active fires for several days until the threat had passed; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by Berkeley firefighters and Camps staff displayed incredible hard-work, dedication, expertise, and true grit; and as a result of their efforts, Echo Lake Camp was saved from the devastating Caldor Fire. From Berkeley Fire their names are Anthony Barlow, Johnny Bowie, Damon Brown, Michael Dragovich, Rich Fischer, Matt George, Nate Girard, Dan Green, Haakon Langmo, Joe McCarthy, Andrew Morgenlaender, Kamran Mustafa, Eric Passanisi, Adam Poarch, DeJuan Turner, and Chris Van Luen.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and thank the

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for their heroic efforts in battling the Caldor Fire and helping to save Echo Lake Camp from being destroyed.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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