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**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE**

- WHEREAS,** the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, to peaceably assemble, and to participate in the political life of this nation without fear of persecution; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout American history, leaders and advocates from all political parties — Republican, Democrat, Independent, and others — have stood for their convictions, sometimes at the cost of their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** from presidents to civil-rights activists, elected officials and community leaders, to modern voices for civic engagement, our country has mourned the loss of men and women who sought to advance their beliefs through lawful public service and open dialogue; and
- WHEREAS,** in recent years, there has been a troubling escalation of violence directed toward elected officials and public figures of all political affiliations, resulting in threats of violence, attacks, assassinations, and murders; and
- WHEREAS,** these tragedies serve as solemn reminders that political violence undermines the very principles of democracy, free speech, and civil leadership that unite the American people; and
- WHEREAS,** these acts of violence, assassinations, and murders remind us that freedom of speech and participation in the political process remain sacred responsibilities that require courage, respect for opposing viewpoints, and a collective commitment to non-violence; and
- WHEREAS,** Tuolumne County stands united in honoring the right to free speech and those American leaders and advocates who have sacrificed their lives for their beliefs, reaffirming our shared duty to ensure that every citizen may speak, serve, and participate in public life free from fear or intimidation; and
- WHEREAS,** political leaders and elected officials carry the responsibility of representing the voices, needs, and beliefs of the people who choose them, and they must be able to fulfill that duty to speak, deliberate, lead, and debate without fear of violence or the penalty of death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne that:

1. October 14, 2025 shall be recognized as **Free Speech and Public Service Remembrance Day** in Tuolumne County.
2. This day acknowledges the assassinations and murders of all-American leaders, advocates, and public servants who have lost their lives in an attempt to silence them.
3. The Board reaffirms its commitment to the principles of free speech, open debate, and peaceful participation in government as essential to our nation's strength and unity.
4. The Board encourages citizens, schools, and civic organizations to observe this day through education, dialogue, and acts of public service that promote civility, courage, and respect for differing views.
5. Finally, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors invites every citizen to reach across the political divide and find someone who sees the world differently, share a cup of coffee, and start a conversation. Step away from social media and out of isolation and sit-down face to face with a neighbor. We are human, not machines, and it's only through real connection that we are going to figure this out.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ON _____

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: _____ No. _____

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