

Resolution honoring the California Licensed Foresters Association on its 25th Anniversary

Whereas the California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) was established in 1980 to promote “the common professional interests of those individuals licensed as foresters by the State of California”; and

Whereas the Professional Foresters Law established, in 1973, the licensing of qualified professionals to practice forestry in the State of California; and

Whereas the Z’Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Forest Practice Act) established a policy “to encourage prudent and responsible forest resource management while giving consideration to the public’s need for watershed protection, fisheries and wildlife, and recreational opportunities alike in this and future generations”; and

Whereas the efforts of California’s Registered Professional Foresters are integral to the sustainable management of timberlands in the state including the on-the-ground implementation of the Forest Practice Act; and

Whereas the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board of Forestry) oversees the implementation of both the Foresters Licensing Law and the Forest Practice Act; and

Whereas the Board of Forestry’s Professional Foresters Examining Committee maintains high standards for both the awarding and retention of a California Registered Professional Forester’s license; and

Whereas since its establishment 25 years ago, CLFA has been active in professional education, government advocacy and service to both its Members and the people of the State of California; and

Whereas through the years CLFA has also been continuously involved in providing opportunities for Members and associated professionals to improve their competence by participating in education workshops addressing a wide variety of technical subjects; and

Whereas topics addressed in CLFA workshops have included silviculture, archeological site identification and protection, forest road stewardship, watercourse crossings, forest growth and yield, rare plants, cumulative impacts assessment, anadromous fisheries, reforestation, wildlife identification, hardwood management, forest appraisal, watershed assessment, fire and fuels management and many other technical subjects; and

Whereas CLFA is celebrating its Silver Anniversary in Sacramento on March 4th and 5th, 2005, with a theme of “Our Silver Anniversary & the Trail Ahead”;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recognizes the unique, valuable and ongoing contributions made by the California Licensed Foresters Association to the profession of forestry and honors CLFA on its 25th year of existence, with best wishes for many more successful years to follow.