

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 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 CLFA currently has approximately 750 Members including professional foresters and closely affiliated natural resource disciplines; and

Whereas the membership of CLFA includes professionals from the forest products industry, government agencies, forestry consultants, academia, students and retirees; and

Whereas CLFA is governed by an elected Board of Directors drawn from its Members; 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 Forest Practice Act further established a “comprehensive system of regulation” of California timberlands to ensure that “the goal of maximum sustained production of high-quality timber products is achieved while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, fisheries, regional economic vitality, employment, and aesthetic enjoyment”; 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 voting Members of CLFA must be Registered Professional Foresters; and

Whereas through the years CLFA as an organization has actively engaged the Board of Forestry and other state boards, commissions and agencies including the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as well as elected officials and bodies at all levels of government; and

Whereas, in this role, CLFA has been instrumental in improving the quality and citizen responsiveness of California government at all levels; 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's traditional local breakfast meetings and its annual conference provide unequalled opportunities for professional foresters to network and keep well informed on issues affecting the practice of forestry in California; and

Whereas CLFA Members also benefit from other forms of communication, including a website and monthly newsletter; 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";

RESOLVED BY SENATOR SAM AANESTAD AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER RICK KEENE, that they hereby recognize the unique, valuable and ongoing contributions made by the California Licensed Foresters Association to the state's economy, environment, culture and governance, and honors CLFA on its 25th year of existence, with best wishes for many more successful years to follow.

Joint Member Resolution No. 119

Dated this 5th day of March, 2005

Honorable Sam Aanestad
4th Senatorial District

Honorable Rick Keene
3rd Assembly District