

# Town of Paradise, California

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Sojourners House on the Ridge (**SHOR**) is a non-profit organization that organizes, funds, and operates a program providing temporary nighttime shelter for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in the Paradise Ridge area of Butte County California; and,

**WHEREAS, SHOR** has a seven-member board that operates under the direction of the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care, the Paradise Ridge Homeless Task Force that was established to address the needs of the homeless population in the Paradise and Magalia community; and,

**WHEREAS, SHOR** utilizes a nomadic shelter model, providing homeless individuals and families, who are capable of self-care and not a threat to themselves or others, with protection from the elements and a safe, clean place to stay overnight; and,

**WHEREAS**, a nomadic model relies on the use of various facilities, usually churches, to provide nighttime shelter for those in need. According to a predetermined schedule, local host churches allow SHOR the use of their hall or other rooms after business hours. Guests and supplies are transported by SHOR to the host churches on a rotating basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, guests are required to first check-in at SHOR's welcome center where intake applications and rules are reviewed, guests' personal belongings stored and showers completed, after which guests are transported to the host church between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., returned to the welcome center between 6:45 and 7:00 a.m. and expected not to loiter at the welcome center or host church but to move forward on their plans for self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Timothy Titus, Mayor of the Town of Paradise, hereby recognize and commend the SHOR organization in fulfilling their mission to provide the homeless citizens of the Paradise Ridge with safe, secure, overnight shelter, giving them the dignity and stability needed to strive towards self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Paradise to be affixed hereto this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.



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Timothy Titus, Mayor