

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION



Whereas~ in 1925, while walking through the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park, R.J. Senior, the President of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce overheard a little girl say “what a lovely Christmas tree that would be”; and

Whereas~ the following Christmas, Senior and a few friends, trekked to the tree over snow covered dirt roads and placed some flowers at the base of the tree and held a short service. Ever since then, annual Christmas services at the base of the General Grant Tree have taken place; and

Whereas~ on April 26, 1928, the General Grant Tree was officially dedicated as the Nation’s Christmas Tree by the United States Department of Interior. The General Grant Tree was fittingly named the Nation’s Christmas Tree because of its age and size. This monarch, as it stands in Kings Canyon National Park in Fresno County, California, has stood for an estimated 2,000-4,000 years and has grown to a height of 267 feet; and

Whereas~ on March 29, 1956, Congress officially made the General Grant Tree a National Shrine and on November 11, 1956, officially dedicated the General Grant Tree as a perpetual shrine to our nation’s war fallen heroes during a special ceremony at the base of the tree; and

Whereas~ on October 1, 1949, Sanger, California was recognized by the United States Postal Service as the Nation’s Christmas Tree City. The General Grant Tree has become nationally and internationally recognized as the Nation’s Christmas Tree because of the dedication, the work done, and interest of the citizens of Sanger; and

Whereas~ the annual service is held on the second Sunday in December at 2:30pm at the base of the General Grant Tree in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 100TH annual Trek to the Nation’s Christmas Tree and as a testament of those service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in times of war.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025**

Chairman Buddy Mendes, District 4 Supervisor

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