BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY CALIFORNIA

DECLARATION AND PETITION
TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE
FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF GLENN COUNTY
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND TO FORM
THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

WHEREAS, there are times in our history when it is apparent that the political separation of one people from another has become necessary, both for the survival of the one, as well as the continued wellbeing of the other; and

WHEREAS, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors recognizes the lack of representation for rural and frontier counties in the California Legislature, and the Board recognizes an increasing tendency by the State of California to exercise legislative and fiscal malfeasance in the form of an illegal fire tax, the State of California’s disregard of payment in lieu of taxes owed to many rural counties, in the excesses of the California EPA with CARB regulations more suited for Urban standards, in property rights violations, and in assaults upon Second Amendment rights, as well as disregard for other inalienable rights of the Citizens of Glenn; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Agencies, through aggressive regulation and by reinterpretation of long-established laws, have denied the County of Glenn, its businesses, and its citizens, access to our most abundant natural resources, and fishing grounds, causing untold harm to our economy, as well as to our health and public safety; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Agencies have, through a process commonly known as “sue and settle”, compromised longstanding principles and priorities of beneficial use and stewardship of our natural resources while sacrificing public processes and open government; and

WHEREAS, Counties played an integral part of California history as we note that each original county had a representative in the original Constitutional Convention in 1849; that each county had a representative in 1878/1879 Convention; that each County originally had a representative in both Chambers of the legislature; and that Property Taxes for State Bonds as well as other taxes are assessed in each County; and

WHEREAS, this current State Legislature's system of leaving the number of representatives in both chambers static at 40 Senators and 80 Assembly members and most rural counties without representation, is arbitrary, and has the undesirable result that, as the population grows, it dilutes the share of each County in its governing role, whereby forcing Counties to share its Senators and Assembly members with more Counties as the decades go by, diluting and abridging the votes of the citizens and of the Counties themselves in this process; and
WHEREAS, dilution of the individual voter’s representation in California, to a ratio of almost 450,000 citizens to one representative in the Assembly and almost 950,000 to one in the Senate, has denied voters of Glenn County adequate representation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn has come to the realization that the State of California is ungovernable in its present form, and the People of Glenn have asked the Board to support this resolution for the Health, Welfare, and Public Safety of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that soon after California statehood, credible efforts were made to split the state, with 45 proposals by 1998, including the strong Jefferson State movement of 1941 and the election results of June 2, 1992, when citizens of 27 Counties by county advisory votes, voted in favor of splitting the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors desire, with the involvement of our citizens, and hopefully with the involvement of other California Counties within rural California, to withdraw Glenn County from the State of California and start over by forming a new state which represents the needs, provides opportunity, and protects the rights, liberties, public health, and safety of the people of a new State of Jefferson; and

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that, pursuant to the requirements of Section 3 of Article IV of the United States Constitution, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors requests that the California Legislature redress the above grievances and or approve the withdrawal from the State of California of the lands described below, to be incorporated in a new state along with the lands of other Counties, within or without the current boundaries of the State of California, which Counties declare similar intentions:

The boundaries of Glenn County are as follows:
Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary line of Lake, at the northwest corner of the SW. 1/4 of Sec. 26, T. 18 N., R. 8 W., M. D. B. & M.; running thence east along the half section line, and one and one-half miles north of the line dividing T. 17 and 18 N., M. D. B. & M., to the range line separating T. 18 N., R. 2 W., from T. 18 N., R. 3 W.; thence running north two miles to the northeast corner of the SE. 1/4 of Sec. 13, T. 18 N., R. 3 W.; running thence east along the half section line to the center of the Sacramento River; thence down the center of the said Sacramento River, in a southeasterly course, to the point of intersection with the half section line, one and one-half miles north of the line dividing T. 17 and 18 N., M. D. B. & M.; thence east on said half section line to its
intersection with Butte Creek, said point of intersection lying on the western boundary of Butte and being the southeastern corner of Glenn and the northeastern corner of Colusa; thence northerly along the middle of the channel of said Butte Creek to the point of intersection with the line between Secs. 3 and 4 of the Aguas Frias Rancho as surveyed by La Croze; thence north along the said line between the said Secs. 3 and 4 to its point of intersection with the line between T. 19 N., R. 1 E., and T. 20 N., R. 1 E.; thence west along said line to its intersection with the southern boundary of the Llano Seco grant, on the north line of Sec. 2 in T. 19 N., R. 1 W.; thence southwest along said grant line to the southwest corner of said grant in the center of the Sacramento River; thence northerly, and following the meanderings thereof, along the center of said Sacramento River, to a point where the north line of T. 22 intersects the center of the Sacramento River, being the initial point of Tehama; thence west along the north line of T. 22 N., to the southwest corner of Tehama; thence southerly on the established line between Mendocino and Lake to the place of beginning. (Added by Stats. 1947, Ch. 424.)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Glenn County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 21st day of January, 2014, by the following vote.

AYES: Supervisors Foltz, McDaniel, Soeth, Viegas and Murray (Chairman)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

MIKE MURRAY, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

ATTEST:

Jamie Cannon, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

Approved as to form:

Huston T. Carlyle, County Counsel
Glenn County, California