## Executive Department State of California

## **PROCLAMATION**

California is home to the most spectacular forests in the world, where the tallest, largest and among the oldest living trees have grown for millennia. Our California Redwood forests are a globally significant treasure and a quintessential symbol of the Golden State.

Redwood forests provide critical refuge and habitat for rare species, safeguard clean water and store climate-altering carbon dioxide. Redwoods also bring tremendous economic benefit to California, with more than 100 local, state and federal redwood parks and reserves drawing 31 million visitors annually.

This month, I invite all Californians to visit Coast Redwood and Giant Sequoia parks and reserves and support organizations working to ensure a healthy future for our redwood forests.

**NOW THEREFORE I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "California Redwoods Month."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

ALEX PADILLA Secretary of State