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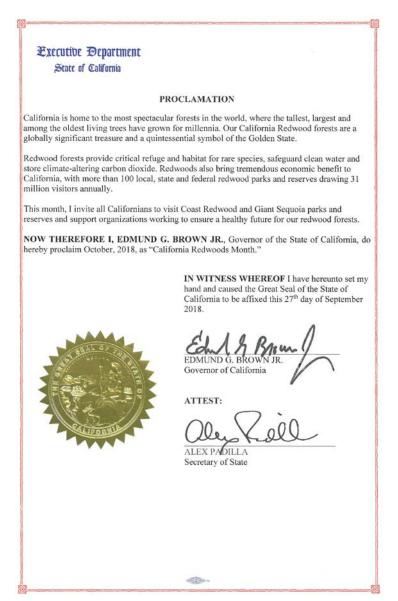
100 YEARS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

Save The Redwoods

## Governor Jerry Brown Declares October California Redwoods Month

Proclamation Honors State's Iconic Trees and Forests during Centennial Year of Save the Redwoods League

**San Francisco, Calif.** (October 1, 2018) — California Governor Jerry Brown has issued a proclamation declaring October 2018 "California Redwoods Month." The announcement honors California's state trees, the iconic coast redwood and giant sequoia, during the centennial year of Save the Redwoods League. Formed in 1918, the League is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring coast redwood and giant sequoia forests throughout their natural ranges. During California Redwoods Month, the League and its many centennial partners are hosting special events statewide to commemorate its centennial year and celebrate California's redwood and sequoia forests. For a complete list of events, go to <u>StandForTheRedwoods.org</u>.



"As Save the Redwoods League, one of our oldest partners, celebrates its 100th anniversary and we launch transformational projects to revitalize our giant sequoia and coast redwood parks together, we thought it fitting to request this gubernatorial proclamation and recognize the forests that our organizations helped save over the last century," said Lisa Mangat, California State Parks director. "Our state trees stand protected today in California's parks and reserves, providing access for over 31 million visitors every year because of our robust partnerships with organizations like Save the Redwoods the League."

"Our globally unique and awe-inspiring state trees are so deserving of this gubernatorial proclamation as are the people who have rallied over the years to protect them," said Sam Hodder League president and CEO. "As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Save the Redwoods League, we're grateful for our continued partnership with California State Parks because, together, we have protected the very best of what's left of the ancient redwoods in our parks and we are working to restore the young recovering forests for future generations to experience their transformational peace and beauty."

The <u>Governor's proclamation</u> follows two resolutions by the California Legislature earlier in 2018 (<u>SR 100</u> and <u>HR 96</u>). The California State Senate resolved that 2018 is the Year of the Redwoods, and the California State Assembly recognized Save the Redwoods League for 100 years of protecting redwood forests by passing a similar resolution honoring the League's accomplishments.

To learn more about the League's Centennial, go to <u>StandForTheRedwoods.org</u>, or contact 415-820-5800.

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For information about the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests and the League's commitment to their protection, view the League's recently released <u>State of Redwoods</u> <u>Conservation Report</u> and the <u>Centennial Vision for Redwoods Conservation</u>.

## About Save the Redwoods League

Save the Redwoods League, one of the nation's oldest conservation organizations, is celebrating 100 years of protecting and restoring coast redwood and giant sequoia forests and connecting generations of visitors with their peace and beauty. More than 20,000 supporters have enabled the League to protect more than 200,000 acres of irreplaceable forest and help create 66 redwood parks and reserves. For more information, visit <u>SaveTheRedwoods.org</u>.

## **About California State Parks**

The <u>California Department of Parks and Recreation</u> protects and preserves the state's valued natural, cultural, and historical resources while providing recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, mountain biking, horseback riding, boating and off-highway vehicle activities. The department achieves its mission through grant programs and a network of 280 parks, which includes beaches, trails, wildlife areas, open spaces, off-highway areas, and historic sites.