



CITY OF ANGELS, CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION

Honoring Riley Kitchell, Champion of the 2025 International Jumping Frog Jubilee

WHEREAS, since 1928—except for the year 1933 during the Great Depression and 2020 during COVID—the Jumping Frog Jubilee has been held in Angels Camp, and since 1938 has been proudly celebrated in conjunction with the Calaveras County Fair, making it one of the most enduring and world-renowned traditions of our community; and

WHEREAS, this cherished event draws competitors and visitors from across the globe, showcasing the cultural identity, civic pride, and spirited history of Angels Camp, famously immortalized by Mark Twain's tale *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*; and

WHEREAS, Riley Kitchell, a lifelong resident of Calaveras County, was born into this tradition as the son of Jon and Laura Kitchell, both of whom have been lifelong supporters of the Jubilee—where 'frogs run in the family'; and

WHEREAS, Riley represents a long line of Frog Jump champions, including his mother Laura Kitchell, his uncle Joe Kitchell, and his spouse Morgan Kitchell, and has competed for over three decades side-by-side with family friends such as the Nash and Ziehlke families; and

WHEREAS, Riley has now achieved a remarkable three-time victory in the International Jumping Frog Jubilee, with championships in:

- 2013 – 'Shhhhh, Don't Tell Morgan' – 20' 10"
- 2018 – 'I Don't Know' – 18' 8.5"
- 2025 – 'Go Frog Yourself' – 18' 7.25"

Each victory proudly earned as a member of the Foothill Froggers Team; and

WHEREAS, Riley has brought national and international recognition to Angels Camp and the Jubilee, appearing on *The Steve Harvey Show*, Netflix's *We Are the Champions*, and in numerous media features, while always remaining most proud to keep the title here in his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Riley’s enthusiasm, dedication, and sportsmanship embody the spirit of the Jubilee and inspire future generations to continue this time-honored tradition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Chimento, Mayor of the City of Angels, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Angels Camp, do hereby extend sincere congratulations and heartfelt recognition to Riley Kitchell for his outstanding achievements and for bringing honor and pride to our community as the 2025 International Jumping Frog Jubilee Champion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Angels to be affixed this __ day of _____, 2025.

Michael Chimento
Mayor, City of Angels, California

Attest: _____
City Clerk