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Greetings Residents of Butte County:

It is my honor and privilege to report to you that on June 22, 2021 the Butte County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the fiscal year 2021-22 balanced budget. The 2020-21 fiscal year closed out with a fund balance carryover of \$21,711,871. The fund balance available at the final close, after all accounting adjustments for revenue and expenditures, was higher than the amount estimated in the final budget recommendation of \$18,900,000, providing an increase to the Appropriations for Contingencies of \$2,811,871, for a total Budgeted Appropriation of \$10,811,871 for the fiscal year 2021-22.

We have major initiatives addressed in the fiscal year 2021-22 adopted budget including, resources dedicated to addressing the challenges imposed upon us by COVID-19, with a goal of recovering and preparing for the next disaster. Included in our major initiatives is reinvesting in our community, rebuilding housing, and reinvesting in the workforce as we struggle to recruit and retain our own workforce. We're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I'm so proud of the County of Butte and the resiliency we've displayed responding to one disaster after another. The strength of each and every Butte County resident shines the light of courage and endurance. As your governmental leadership, we've kept the doors open during this global pandemic. We kept delivering services while having to evacuate our offices due to the threat of fire. We've partnered up with our community organizations to bring about safety, shelter and services as it rained down regulatory changes by the minute. As a community, we continue to hold strong.

As we look to the road ahead, we're investing in modern technology to deliver transparent, efficient government. We'll begin to realize much needed funding to assist with permanent housing, as we work to overcome the housing shortage resulting from the devastating wildfires. The American Rescue Plan (2021) will infuse the much needed funding to help revitalize our community post-pandemic by providing assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, and non-profits. The allocation of \$42.5 million to Butte County comes with its own set of challenges. Navigating the waters of regulatory compliance while prioritizing the long list of competing projects brings an unenviable burden to our Board of Supervisors. With all the additional service level demands, I'm so proud to be able to say that we continue to meet them as they come, with fiscal transparency and accountability to our taxpayers for their hard-earned dollars entrusted to us.

We are Butte County Strong!

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