

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Ahmer Al-Kayyali

September 26, 2023

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing and thanking Ahmer Al-Kayyali for his bravery and heroic efforts in helping prevent the spread of the newly sparked Reader Fire on August 17, 2023.

On August 17, 2023, the quick-thinking actions and heroic efforts of Ahmer Al-Kayyali directly helped curtail the spread of the newly started Reader Fire, minimizing the destruction to the local community.

Ahmer, a local bus driver for Nevada County Connects and a resident of Lake of the Pines, was heading north on Highway 49 enroute to North San Juan when he noticed two vehicles pulled over due to a roadside fire. Without pause, Ahmer immediately pulled over and took out his fire extinguisher to help extinguish the flames. He then stomped the ground to ensure that the flames were completely out.

A passerby then notified Ahmer that there were two other small fires further up along the road. He immediately ran back to his bus and radioed his supervisor, Steven Long, to call 911. As Ahmer awaited the arrival of the fire department, he worked in partnership with another heroic local citizen to damper and control the spread of the flames using fire extinguishers.

The quick response of Ahmer directly assisted in putting out four spot fires and ultimately mitigating the spread of the Reader Fire.

Therefore, the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing and thanking Ahmer Al-Kayyali for his extraordinary acts of bravery and selflessness which ultimately helped curtail the spread of a newly sparked wildfire and minimize the destruction to the local community.

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