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GENE TOBIN TO BE HONORED AS 2019 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Temecula, CA (June 15, 2019) – The Boy Scouts of America have selected Gene Tobin as the 2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented to individuals whose personal ethics and family values are representative of the Scout Oath and Law. Gene will be honored Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Pechanga Resort and Casino.



Gene is a native Californian adopted by Tony and Mildred Tobin. Mildred is a native to Temecula raised by her grandparents who homesteaded here at Woodchuck (160 acres across from Vail Lake) in the late 1880's making Gene 4th generation from Temecula.

Gene's involvement in the community spans over 50 years. He was involved with chartering many Temecula organizations including the first Temecula Rotary Club and Lions Club. He is a past Vice President of the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce and was on the committee to build the Ronald Reagan Sports Park. Gene served on the Citizen Advisory Committee for Inland Valley Hospital and the Boys and Girls Club for the future French Valley Site. Gene was also on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Riverside County Wells Fargo Banks.

He truly embodies the Scout Law, which includes being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent

Past recipients of the award include: President Gerald Ford, Governor George Deukmejian, Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart, and John Wayne. The Tahquitz District has honored Dan Stephenson, Jerry Wilson, State Senator Jeff Stone, Christine and John McCusker, Dr. Jerry Hizon, Dan Atwood, Pastor Steve Struikmans, Dr. Larry Boggeln, Ben Drake, Terry Gilmore, Joan Sparkman, Bernard L. Truax, II, Jerry Konchar and Mike and Hennie Monteleone.

The Tahquitz District serves the communities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and Menifee with over 2900 Scouts in over 130 Scouting units (packs, troops, crews and explorer posts). The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.