RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARIN COUNTY

RECOGNIZING

GARY PHILLIPS

FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

WHEREAS, Mayor Gary Phillips has made San Rafael his home since 1972, where he and his wife Linda raised their three children, Kenneth, Janette, and Lisa; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Phillips successfully ran for what is now known as the Miller Creek School District, where he served for 8 years, including two terms as its President; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the what is now known as the Miller Creek School District, he helped turn the District into one of the most respected, well-run educational systems in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Phillips then went on to serve three years on the San Rafael Planning Commission. While he was on the Commission, he provided pragmatic and informed decision making on important planning issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Gary ran for a seat on the San Rafael City Council and won the election. Ultimately, he was re-elected to the Council three times serving from 1995 to 2007, and elected Mayor in 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Gary is known for his ability to bring consensus, make decisions based on his principles and provide strong leadership at critical times. During his service on the San Rafael City Council, Gary has worked tirelessly to revitalize Downtown, improve our City parks and community centers, and make sound environmental choices; and

WHEREAS, one of Gary’s first concerns as a City Council candidate was the downtown Fire Station. He helped lead the building of the new Public Safety Building, by initiating and supporting a quarter of a cent sales tax increase; and

WHEREAS, Gary dedicated much time and effort to improving Boyd Memorial Park, and finding solutions for many people who experienced homelessness in San Rafael; and

WHEREAS, Gary’s professional skills as a Certified Public Accountant also give him an expert understanding of fiscal matters and budgetary issues before the Council; and

WHEREAS, under Gary’s leadership, relations between the City of San Rafael and the County of Marin greatly improved. With improved relations and open lines of communication, issues have been addressed, and the citizens of San Rafael have benefited; and

WHEREAS, Gary has served on many Boards, including taking leadership positions on most, namely: Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit, San Rafael Sanitation District, Transportation Authority of Marin, Dixie Youth Soccer, Terra Linda Homeowners Association, Terra Linda Orcas Swim Team, Dixie/Terra Linda Little League, Lifehouse, Terra Linda High School Boosters, The Olympic Club, Marin/Sonoma Concours d’Elegance supporting Hospice by the Bay, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute, San Rafael Revenue Options Committee, San Rafael Police Academy, North San Rafael Vision Steering Committee, and Vision Action Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin commends and thanks Gary Phillips for his years of service to the City of San Rafael, and the people of the County of Marin, who have benefited immeasurably from Gary’s dedication and public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin wish Gary an enjoyable retirement from public service, allowing him more time for family, golf and flying his plane.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 8th day of December 2020, by the following vote:

KATE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3 – PRESIDENT

KATHRYN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

DAN CONNOLLY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5

DENNIS RODONI – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4