

**COMMENDING
CHIEF JEFFREY A. MESTON
FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Jeffrey A. Meston has served the Novato Fire Protection District since 1986 and was appointed as the Fire Chief for the Novato Fire Protection District on October 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Chief Meston placed a priority on ensuring the District's ability to provide the best emergency fire and medical services, as well as fire loss management services, while improving the District's financial stability; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Meston's tenure he facilitated the successful passing of special Ballot Measure C in March 2002, implementing a special District tax as an additional source of funding for the District; enabling staffing of five Advance Life Support Paramedic Engine Companies, the building of Station 5 in Hamilton, and relocation of administration to an Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Meston's leadership the District hired experts in the fields of Finance, Emergency Medical Services, and Public Education to further ensure the District's professionalism, financial stability, excellent medical, and public educational services to the citizens of the District; and

WHEREAS, Chief Meston was co-developer of the District's award winning Homeowner Emergency Action Response Team (HEART) program. The program was developed after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and is designed to teach homeowner's how to be self sufficient in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Chief Meston's commitment to the community is evidenced by his service as President and Foundation member of the Rotary International of Ignacio; two terms as Treasurer and Director of the City of Novato Chamber of Commerce; and membership on the City of Novato Strategic Planning Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors wishes to both honor and thank Chief Jeffrey A. Meston for twenty years of service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 19th day of September 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	Charles McGlashan, Harold C. Brown, Jr., Steve Kinsey, Cynthia L. Murray, Susan L. Adams
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	None
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	None