

**COMMENDING  
FIREFIGHTER PETER TOEWS  
FOR 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Peter Toews launched his fire service career as a “Sleeper” in April 1974. He then volunteered with the Stinson Beach Fire Department from September 1974 to December 1975, and became a CETA Cadet Firefighter in June 1974, through December 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews began working for the Larkspur Fire Department in July 1977, and was hired by the Tamalpais Fire Protection District in January 1978, and served as the shift training officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews became the Tamalpais Firemen’s Association Treasurer in 1983, and became International Association of Firefighters (“IAFF”) Local 1775 Shop Steward representing Tamalpais Firemen’s Association and served in that capacity for over 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews successfully negotiated many contracts for Tamalpais Firemen’s Association when affiliated through a JPA with Mill Valley Fire Department until that JPA was dissolved in July of 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews was instrumental in the July 1, 1999, merger of the Tamalpais Fire Protection District and the Alto Fire Protection District into the Southern Marin Fire Department, and negotiated a single contract for both departments representing the best interests of the Firefighters and the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews was a member of the California Professional Firefighters and a valued member of the IAFF Local 1775 attending numerous Conferences and Conventions for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews was appointed by the IAFF Local 1775 President, Steve Warner, as Chairman of the Western Regional Annual Convention in Reno; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Toews, after thirty years of service to his community retired on February 9, 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes Firefighter Peter Toews for his unparalleled commitment and dedication to the citizens of Marin County. He is a credit to the fire service, and will be deeply missed by his friends and colleagues throughout the fire service community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 3rd day of April, 2007.