

**COMMENDING
FIRE CHIEF ROBERT L. “MIKE” STONE
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Robert L. “Mike” Stone has been employed by the Tamalpais Fire Protection District from March 16, 1975 until June 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stone continued his career with the Southern Marin Fire Protection District, a consolidation of the Tamalpais Fire Protection District and the Alto Richardson Bay Fire Protection District formed on July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Stone has served as an integral part of both the Southern Marin Fire District and the Tamalpais Fire District. His accomplishments, more than can be listed, include: past President of the Marin County Fire Chief’s Association, Member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, Member of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1775, President and Founder of the “Friends of Southern Marin CERT” – a 501(c)(3) organization designed to provide a funding mechanism for purchasing much needed equipment for the CERT program, 1999 Employee of the Year (Southern Marin Fire District), Board Member of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA), and Past Board Member of Fire Safe Marin; and

WHEREAS, through his vision, leadership, abilities and team-oriented philosophy a number of services have dramatically improved, including Emergency Medical Services, Hazardous Materials Response, Marin County Urban Search & Rescue Team (USAR), Dive Team Operations, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), Teen CERT, Wellness/Fitness program for Firefighters, and a number of consolidations among districts have been accomplished: Tamalpais with Mill Valley, Tamalpais with Alto, and Southern Marin Fire with Sausalito; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stone’s leadership, with the goal of giving the best possible service to the community with which he is involved, has benefited both his employees, the District which he serves and the County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these many accomplishments, Chief Stone’s relationship with the people with whom he has worked has been exceptional. He has provided vision in operations and administration, and has set a high standard for his employees, allowing them to work independently and with self-motivation; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stone’s kindness and generosity in giving of his time, resources and care are very noteworthy for one in his position, creating a strong family feeling and making him much beloved by those who serve with him; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Chief Stone has a loving family - his wife, Carol, his daughters, Lindsey and Stacey, and his son, Brett, who has just joined the Fire District as a Reserve Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its gratitude for the many contributions that Chief Robert L. “Mike” Stone has made to both his Fire District and to the County of Marin as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to thank and commend Fire Chief Robert L. “Mike” Stone for his 32 years of dedicated service to the people of Marin and the Southern Marin Fire Protection District and send him forth, with deep appreciation, to start the next chapter of his life.

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