

**COMMENDING
JEFF RAWLES
FOR WORTHY AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Jeff Rawles began his career with the County in 1976 as a Collections Field Representative for the Mental Health Division of H&HS and, not long thereafter, transported himself as well as his not unsubstantial talents and abilities to Public Works in 1983; and

WHEREAS, as DPW's Master of Monetary Management, Jeff has administered the flow and funding of all things fiscal, thereby ensuring financial vigor and budgetary gusto and further, has brought to this realm an orderliness and grace, that all line items great and small and all impossible strings of digits, on either side of the decimal point, might be found not only accurate but also elegant in their exactitude; and

WHEREAS, the bearer of many distinctive roles and titles, Jeff's efforts in zero waste implementation are among his most distinguishing as he has presided over a paradigm shift which has seen the reduction, recycling, diminution and diversion of that profound gathering of otherwise dump-bound detritus so unique in modern times, his extraordinary efforts moving Marin clearly to the fore, vastly outpacing all comers and attaining diversion levels unmatched throughout the state, all the while skillfully working to change the county and its residents in their habits, thoughts and actions in an otherwise wasteful world; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's worthy stewardship of Gness Field has raised that fair facility to new heights, has brought it into this latest century a vital and healthy place, has improved its infrastructure, has sought and secured grant funds, has reinforced a healthy financial structure, and has put into place such measures that this field of dreams might boldly go where no one has gone before, and has accomplished this all, and more, with such equanimity, composure and finesse that perhaps there would be the consideration, in its proper time, of the addition or application or appendage of the most noble name of Rawles unto this sprawling site; and

WHEREAS, though Jeff is moving on into that charmed retirement realm that beckons to us all, we find lurking in our hearts the hope that he will be not long gone from our hallowed halls, for he knoweth many things and many numbers resideth within him, and surely 'tis the better we would rest in the trust that he will not long recline but rather revisit and regale and return from time to time that he might share his wisdom and knowledge of the budgetary unknowables; and

WHEREAS, throughout it all, Jeff has comported himself with patience and grace, elegance and honor, integrity and uprightness, and loyalty and character, never losing his sense of balance nor his profound digital dignity and, through it all, has never ceased to rise above that which would seek to deter him from his mortal calling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby commend, applaud, acclaim, hail, and congratulate Jeff Rawles for his innumerable, remarkable, and exceptional contributions and service to the people and the County of Marin and further that we extend to him a heart-felt thank you for all of his efforts on our behalf over these past 32 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 18th day of March 2008.