RECOGNIZING MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Marinwood Community Services District (CSD) provides fire protection, recreation and street lighting services, and parks and open space to the community of Marinwood; and

WHEREAS, Marinwood as a community, wanting to define their own distinct identity, formed the CSD on February 23, 1960 pursuant to an election by the residents of Marinwood. In addition to the sense of identity, the Marinwood Community wanted a fire station to protect their homes, and they wanted more parks and more recreation programs for their growing families; and

WHEREAS, Marinwood residents then approved a bond issue for the construction of the firehouse and community center, and the development of Marinwood Park, projects that united the community. In following years, bonds were approved for the construction of the Marinwood swimming pool, and for the purchase of open space adjacent to the community to prevent development on the hillsides above Marinwood; and

WHEREAS, over the years, more open space has been added, and Marinwood CSD now owns more than 800 acres of open space, which are very much a part of the community character and identity; and

WHEREAS, the Marinwood Fire Department has grown from a primarily volunteer department to a department with a staff of full-time professional firefighters plus an active volunteer program. Through agreements with the County of Marin and the City of San Rafael, the department is able to take advantage of the uniquely advantageous location of its fire station to provide service to an area extending well beyond the community; and

WHEREAS, the Marinwood Community Center is the heart of Marinwood, with its vibrant recreation programs, community events, and public meetings regarding local issues; the district has now developed three parks with playgrounds – Marinwood Park, Creekside Park in Lucas Valley Estates, and the Las Gallinas mini-park; and

WHEREAS, Marinwood CSD's publicly elected Board of Directors and its appointed Fire and Recreation Commissions are all volunteer bodies, staffed by residents willing and able to do their part to ensure the safety and vitality of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Marinwood Community Services District for 50 years of service to the benefit of the Marinwood community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of April 2010.