

**PROCLAIMING  
WATER SUPPLY APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAY 10 - 18, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans inhabited Marin County for a thousand years without needing to permanently alter the flow of creeks to meet their water needs; and

**WHEREAS**, almost immediately after Europeans began to settle in Marin County in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, water courses and wetlands were modified to meet the needs of agriculture and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, Marin County's first domestic water supply reservoir was constructed on Lagunitas Creek at what we now call Lake Lagunitas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1912, Marin Municipal Water District ("MMWD") received a charter to become the first municipal water agency in California; and

**WHEREAS**, today, MMWD is one of six municipal water agencies in Marin County. MMWD currently manages almost 80,000 acre-feet of rainfall stored in seven reservoirs within three separate Marin County watersheds, representing 75% of their water supply. The North Marin Water District ("NMWD") currently receives approximately 20% of their annual water supply from run-off into Stafford Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bolinas Public Utility District, the Muir Beach Community Service District, the Stinson Beach County Water Agency, and the Inverness Public Utility District depend entirely upon local precipitation to supply water for their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2010, Kent Lake became the last of Marin's water reservoirs to begin spilling water for the first time since 2006, symbolizing a season of water security due to generous rainfall on the slopes of Marin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of understanding the sources and quantities of water that support our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the week of May 10 – 18, 2010, as "Water Supply Appreciation Week" wishes to recognize the importance of water for the survival of Marin's flora, fauna, and our human community, and to give thanks for our good fortune during this rainfall season.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby declares the second week of May as "Water Supply Appreciation Week" and directs our Administrator to organize a status report on our County's water supply each year at this time for the purpose of remaining conscious of our dependence on local rainfall to meet our water supply needs and to be updated on the progress of other efforts related to conservation, recycling, and other technologies intended to insure a safe and reliable water supply.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 11th day of May 2010.