

**COMMENDING
KEVIN McGOWAN
FOR WORTHY AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Kevin McGowan is departing County service, having successfully and elegantly engineered his way through more than 20 remarkable years since first joining the noble ranks of Public Works back in a prior century and, since that time, never wavering nor faltering in his focus on simply getting it right and getting it done; and

WHEREAS, having worked his way with his characteristic flair from Assistant Engineer up into the rare and lofty ethers of Principal Civil Engineer, Kevin has steadfastly devoted himself and his legendary expertise to keeping us all on stable soils and a firm foundation and, in this role, has prominently displayed his resolve in applying the word integrity not only to structures but with formidable vigor as well to his own life, work and vision; and

WHEREAS, moving forward with bold mien and pure heart, undaunted and undaunted, Kevin has wrought great works and conquered challenges that would have left others trembling: constructing upon Whites Hill a monumental bridge, a span woven not only of concrete and steel but of legend, dreams and resolve; and further, with virtually single handed aplomb assembling a freeway interchange at Marin City; and still further, leading the charge to engage in projects great and small, without falter or pause, to create, improve and maintain our infrastructure that our world might simply be a better place; and

WHEREAS, whether confronting a section modulus, moment of inertia, modulus of elasticity or eccentric loading, Kevin could smite them mightily, with plenty left over for such pesky annoyances as cantilever deflections, shear stress and seismic acceleration, taking them on in a fashion befitting a king, raising his scepter and his trusty handheld HP 41 CX with an elegance and intention befitting his station, asserting solutions and issuing edicts that would contain any structural element with elegance and ethereal grace; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has put forth epic efforts in his role with the Urban Search and Rescue Team and with disaster response and preparedness in Public Works, and has abundantly shown that his formidable spirit could be deterred by neither fire nor flood, quake nor gale, cosmic rays nor catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, though Kevin is moving to a neighboring realm, we take great heart in its proximity to our own, for abundant knowledge resideth within him, and surely 'tis the better we would press on, knowing that he would return from time to time unto these halls that he might share his wisdom and knowledge of life's mysteries, unknowables, and the proper use of a planimeter; and

WHEREAS, above all things, Kevin has comported himself with integrity, honor, uprightness, loyalty, style, and character, moving ever forward with distinction and principle and a worthy mutual regard for others and, finally, 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 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby commends and congratulates Kevin McGowan for his dedication and distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 30th day of November 2010.