

**RESOLUTION HONORING FIRE CHIEF
KEVIN TAYLOR ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kevin Taylor began his 35 years of service in firefighting with the San Luis Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in 1987 and also became an EMT and worked for San Luis Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor was hired in his hometown of Paso Robles as one of the first full-time firefighters for Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services and worked for PRF for 24 years, being promoted through the ranks from firefighter/paramedic to fire captain/paramedic and served as a battalion chief for his last 12 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor was hired by the Montecito Fire Protection District in February 2015 as Division Chief of Operations and was promoted to Fire Chief on June 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor served as the incident commander for the most devastating natural disaster seen in Santa Barbara County since the 1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake and displayed his effectiveness as a communicator along with his unique and powerful leadership style consisting of empathy, fortitude, generosity, and fierce honesty in the first months of the disaster response but also throughout the years-long recovery process; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor has utilized his leadership skills in many capacities, including as a member of the California Incident Management Team 9, as a founding member of the San Luis Obispo County Type 3 Incident Management Team, as a founding member of the Santa Barbara County Type 3 Incident Management Team, and as an active member of the Santa Barbara County Fire Chiefs Association; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor's calming presence, infectious personality and visionary stewardship will be deeply missed by both those he serves and those he has served alongside, even as they acknowledge there is no one more deserving of a joyous retirement full of adventures that feed his soul and a lot of very well-deserved rest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Chief Kevin Taylor upon his retirement and wishes him success, good health, and happiness in his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of April, 2023 by the unanimous vote of all members present.