



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF ERIC L. PETERSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Eric Peterson has served the residents of the County of Santa Barbara for 31 years, working as Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, President of Firefighters Local 2046, Training Battalion Chief, Operations Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Peterson was born and raised in Santa Barbara County, growing up on West Camino Cielo, which helped develop his unique and personal perspective on the threats facing the Santa Barbara County front country; and Chief Peterson is a second generation firefighter, following his father Rich Peterson, who was the Fire Chief of Santa Barbara City and Santa Barbara County Fire; and

WHEREAS, Chief Peterson is a veteran of the Painted Cave, Zaca, Jesusita, Tea, Gap, Sherpa, Alamo, Rey, Whittier, Thomas, and Holiday Fires, and led the department through the challenges of the Refugio Oil Spill and Montecito debris flow, providing exemplary leadership and compassion; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chief Peterson was responsible for technological and safety upgrades increasing situational awareness and operational effectiveness by utilizing software for defensible space inspections, mapping and resource tracking; and Chief Peterson helped develop the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Incident Management Team 3, and helped secure private grant funding for an incident management trailer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Peterson excelled in maintaining relationships and influence at the Federal, State, and Local levels, including serving on the Board of Directors for FIRESCOPE, the County Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Firefighters Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County honors Fire Chief Eric L. Peterson on the occasion of his retirement, commending his superior record of dedicated and highly effective fire service and protection, and extending the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 16th day of October, 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Clerk of the Board