



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 17, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring The Public Service Of Timber Cove Fire Chief Erich Whiting Lynn**

Whereas, Mr. Lynn has faithfully served the County of Sonoma, and specifically the Timber Cove Fire Protection District and the grateful community of Timber Cove, for 22 years. He has served as a Volunteer Firefighter, Captain, Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief, and most recently as Fire Chief for the past 7 years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Lynn as a Fire Chief, and as a volunteer firefighter, helped protect and aid the Sonoma Coast community, both residents and many visitors, in a wide range of emergency situations, whether it was for fire suppression, medical emergencies, technical cliff and ocean rescues, traffic collisions, hazardous material responses, and countless other incidents of preserving public safety; and,

Whereas, Mr. Lynn has been dedicated to securing vital equipment and resources for the Timber Cove Fire Protection District, diligently maintaining the department's fleet and facilities, ensuring that volunteers get the material and training they need to be successful, and having as his highest priority the safety of his personnel; and,

Whereas, Mr. Lynn has been instrumental in developing special rope techniques for safely and quickly moving very tall, very large fallen trees off Highway 1 and local roads with only two personnel; and,

Whereas, Mr. Lynn fostered strong partnerships with neighboring fire agencies, the

local Sonoma County Deputy Sheriffs, the Coast Life Support District, and all other local, state, and county first responders; and,

Whereas, Mr. Lynn has displayed remarkable and tireless dedication in meeting the needs of residents during times of crisis and emergency, implementing effective disaster response measures and providing vital support, resources and advocacy to those affected by the COVID pandemic, medical emergencies, winter storms, wild land and structure fires. Mr. Lynn's efforts have resulted in a more resilient community and have improved the overall safety and wellbeing for Timber Cove residents and visitors to the Timber Cove Fire Protection District alike.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Sonoma County recognizes and commends the outstanding achievements of Erich Whiting Lynn as the Fire Chief of the Timber Cove Fire Protection District and extends heartfelt gratitude for his 22 years of dedicated volunteer service to the residents of and visitors to the Sonoma Coast.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.