

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation of the Town of Fairfax Commemorating the Accomplishments and Contributions of Battalion Chief Joe Langlois Upon the Occasion of His Retirement

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Joe Langlois began his fire service career with the Fairfax Fire Department in 1975 as a Volunteer Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Joe was hired by the Town of Fairfax as a fulltime firefighter in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Joe, following the merger of the Fairfax and San Anselmo Fire departments, worked his way through the ranks of the Ross Valley Fire Department serving as Engineer, Captain, and Battalion Chief; and

WHEREAS, Joe served as the Department's Training and Personnel officer; and

WHEREAS, Joe was one of the first attendees of the California Firefighter1 Academy Program, completed State Fire Officer and Chief Officer certification programs, and received a Bachelor of Science from California State University, Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, Joe, on many occasions, went above and beyond his required duties to aid the Town of Fairfax, using his calming presence to work through difficult situations; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a leader in the Emergency Medical evolution within the fire service, including working to bring a paramedic engine company to Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Joe has spent 36 years in the fire service, dedicated to protecting and serving the communities of Fairfax, San Anselmo, and Sleepy Hollow; and

WHEREAS, Joe has always carried out his duties in a calm and professional manner inspiring those with whom he served; and

WHEREAS, Joe is well respected throughout Ross Valley Fire, the community, the County, and the State for his dedication to the fire service. He will be sorely missed by those who worked with him at Ross Valley Fire and the Town of Fairfax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, upon his retirement, the Town of Fairfax extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Battalion Chief Joe Langlois for his many years of excellent service and contributions to the quality of life in the Town of Fairfax.

Approved by unanimous vote of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax on the fourth day of May, 2011.

LARRY BRAGMAN, MAYOR

AGENDA ITEM # 8