

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL W. MCLAUGHLIN

WHEREAS, Michael W. McLaughlin has dedicated himself to the Fire Service for more than 32 years, and has served the Cosumnes Fire Department as the Fire Chief for the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born in Oakland and raised in Martinez; and

WHEREAS, Michael earned his paramedic certification through the Western Institute for Pre-Hospital Care in Daly City, his Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Technology from Yuba College in Marysville, his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Department Administration from Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and as Class Valedictorian, and his Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Michael began his Fire Service career in 1988 as a Reserve and Seasonal Firefighter for Contra Costa County Fire Protection District in Pleasant Hill; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as a Reserve and Seasonal Firefighter, in 1989 Michael was hired by Regional Ambulance in Richmond and Oakland as an Emergency Medical Technician while he attended school and became licensed as a Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, after working as a Paramedic, in 1991, Michael was hired by South Lake County Fire Protection District in Middletown as a Firefighter Paramedic and promoted to Acting Engineer Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Michael was hired by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Fire Department in Livermore where he served the community for fourteen years and promoted from Firefighter Paramedic to Fire Captain Paramedic in 1998, from Fire Captain Paramedic to Battalion Chief Paramedic in 2003, and from Battalion Chief Paramedic to Assistant Fire Chief in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Michael was hired as a Fire Division Chief by the City of Merced Fire Department, and promoted to Fire Chief in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Michael was hired by the Cosumnes Fire Department in 2014 as Deputy Fire Chief, and promoted to Fire Chief in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Michael was responsible for directing all activities within the Fire Department, including the annual planning, implementation and management of the 56 million dollar budget, outreach and interaction with the media, regional partners, and stakeholders, Department goals and objectives which aligned with the core purpose, mission, vision, and values of the District, development of the Standards of Coverage and Headquarters assessments, Strategic Plan, Master Plans for Emergency Medical Services, Fire Prevention, and Training, and Succession Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Michael served in various leadership roles with the professional associations he belonged to; and

WHEREAS, Michael and his wife of 28 years, Denyse, have five children, Barrett, Cayden, Ryley, Davin, Payten; and

WHEREAS, Michael is retiring from the Cosumnes Fire Department on December 25, 2020, and is looking forward to the adventures in the next chapter of his life, including traveling, backpacking, fishing and living life to the fullest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT Proclaimed, that the Cosumnes Community Services District recognizes Michael W. McLaughlin for his dedicated service to the Cosumnes Fire Department and the communities of Elk Grove and Galt and extends their utmost appreciation and best wishes to him on the occasion of his retirement.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 18th day of November 2020, in Elk Grove, California

Orlando Fuentes, President

Jim Lyttrell, Vice President

Rod Brewer, Director



ATTEST:

Gil Albiani, Director

Jaclyn Moreno, Director

Joshua Green, General Manager