

**WHEREAS**, Douglas G. Sporleder started his career in the fire service as a volunteer firefighter in 1963, and progressed through the ranks of the Santa Clara County Fire Department to Firefighter, Captain, Training Chief, Assistant Chief and attained his final rank of Santa Clara County Fire Chief in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, In his role as Fire Chief, Douglas has skillfully led the Department through organizational change, promoted good will among the Department and the citizens it serves, and advocated for the highest standards of fire protection for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, In his role as Fire Chief, Douglas has served as President of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs' Association and is a member of many state and national fire service organizations including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association, the Governor's Special Arson Task Force, and the State of California Fire and Rescue Service/FIRESCOPE Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas has displayed his generosity and been active in many community service projects including the Santa Clara County Combined Giving Campaign, the Los Gatos Community Foundation, and the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas has been recognized by the community for his exemplary contributions as demonstrated by his receipt of a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Heart Association and the American Legion Certificate of Commendation for Heroism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

## **Douglas G. Sporleder**

for his dedication to the fire service of Santa Clara County over the past 38 years and for his professional leadership.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Eighteenth Day of December, Two Thousand and One by unanimous vote.