

WHEREAS, Dennis DeMelloPine , a native of Santa Clara County, is retiring after 30 years of service in the Santa Clara County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Joining County Fire in 1972 Dennis has held the positions of Firefighter, Fire Prevention Inspector and for the past 23 years, Fire Captain. While over the span of his career he has worked at every one of the Department's stations, Cupertino fire station was his home for 6 years followed by 20 years at University Avenue in Los Gatos; and

WHEREAS, His professionalism exemplifies the spirit of public service. Recognition for his contributions to the Fire Department include a Merit Award, letters of commendation, and Cupertino Firefighter of the year; and

WHEREAS, Dennis is a leader who invests time and energy that far exceed any required by his obligations. He has played a vital role in helping create the organization that is County Fire today, facilitating merges with the Campbell Fire Department in 1993, the Morgan Hill Fire Department in 1995, and the Los Altos Fire Department in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Elected by his peers, Dennis served 14 years during his career as President of International Fire Fighters Local 1165, named President Emeritus in 1999. He exhibits a keen understanding of issues and an ability to reach consensus among labor and management that has advanced the working conditions and professional lives of Department personnel;

WHEREAS, His tireless volunteer efforts include organizing and participating in fundraisers for Quest Valley Charities, the Red Cross, VIA (formerly Crippled Children's Society), Career Closet, democratic and labor events, and the Special Olympics;

WHEREAS, Sharing his interest in preserving the natural environment, Dennis served 8 years as a Santa Clara County Fish and Game Commissioner;

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

Dennis DeMelloPine

for his leadership, commitment and dedication to the to the people of Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Fire Service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty-fifth day of June, Two Thousand and Two by unanimous

vote.