

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Fire Department is one of the oldest officially formed fire departments west of the Mississippi and is celebrating 150 years of service this spring;

WHEREAS, the Department formed on April 1, 1874 when 50 civic-minded residents came together in “Rogers & Rogers” Department Store and organized the town’s first brigade, called “Mountain View Station Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1”;

WHEREAS, over the past 150 years, the Department has worked tirelessly to provide fire protection and emergency services to Mountain View residents, with a focus on saving lives and property, protecting the environment, and minimizing the risk of fire and natural disasters by investing in education, training, and prevention;

WHEREAS, the Department is highly valued and respected by residents, and has been recognized with a Class 1 Public Protection Classification from the Insurance Services Office, an organization that independently evaluates municipal fire protection efforts in communities across the United States. The Class 1 rating is the highest possible score that can be given, and the Department is one of few fire agencies in California and nationwide to receive this prestigious ranking; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has also been a critical partner to neighboring fire agencies, including the Santa Clara County Fire Department, as well as to the State of California by regularly participating in mutual aid to assist with wildfires and other emergency incidents.

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

Mountain View Fire Department

on its 150th anniversary and in recognition of its steadfast contributions to ensuring the safety of the community it serves.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this 7th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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