RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO CONVENE ALL APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS AND WORK TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION AND SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A SAN MATEO COUNTY REGIONAL FIREFIGHTING TRAINING CENTER

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is home to nearly 750,000 residents, all of whom depend on local fire agencies to provide medical and fire suppression services during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with San Mateo County's philosophy of delivering high-quality services through collaboration, all fire agencies in the county operate under a coordinated countywide mutual aid system that dispatches the closest available resources to an incident regardless of municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, there were 86,262 calls for service in which a fire agency was dispatched to the scene of an incident; and

WHEREAS, given the county's mutual aid system, it is in the best interest of all county residents for each fire agency to have the best trained and most prepared firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo desires for there to be a countywide firefighting training center that is available to all fire agencies in the county and is committed to working with all appropriate stakeholders to find a suitable location for the

center including by evaluating the feasibility of using County-owned land such as at Tower Road in Unincorporated San Mateo County and the parcel at the junction of Woodside Road and Veterans Boulevard in the City of Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, while there is no funding currently available for the design, permitting, construction, or operation of such a center, this Board intends to direct staff to work with all stakeholders on developing a funding plan; and

WHEREAS, at such time a center is built on County-owned land, this Board is committed to staff working with all stakeholders to develop an agreement to detail responsibilities for operating and maintaining the center; and

WHEREAS, this Board is incredibly proud of the firefighters who serve the residents of San Mateo County and this Board is honored to support their efforts by working to create a countywide training center that will support future generations of firefighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive is directed to convene all appropriate stakeholders and work to identify the location and sources of funding for the construction of a countywide firefighting training center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should a countywide firefighting training center be located on County-owned land, the County Executive's Office is directed to work with all stakeholders to develop a plan, memorandum of agreement or other appropriate document that will detail responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the center.

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