

# Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

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## *Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department*

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**WHEREAS**, starting on Sunday, August 16, 2020, fierce and unusual lightning strikes in Northern California sparked the beginning of the CZU Lightning Complex fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department** is staffed by these exemplary individuals; Captains Ann Gabrys, Matt King, and Hank Stern; Fire Apparatus Engineers John Curcio, Pat Jones, and Kelly Sanderson; Firefighters Paul Barulich, Andrew Dellinger, Sean Fender, Joe Lopez, and Larry Sanderson; and

**WHEREAS**, they staffed fire apparatus in anticipation of this forecasted event and monitored lightning strike locations as well as began aggressive fire patrols as the storm passed through the county; and

**WHEREAS**, they located and controlled the 5-4 fire before daylight, working with Cal Fire E-1765; and

**WHEREAS**, they worked cooperatively with the Woodside Fire Protection District to locate two fires in the San Francisco Watershed and located and controlled the 5-13 fire with San Mateo County Fire E58 and MidPenninsula Open Space as well as located and controlled the 2-1 fire with Coastside Fire Protection District and MidPenninsula Open Space; and

**WHEREAS**, they patrolled the controlled fires several times each day to monitor for hot spots and worked under the direction of Cal Fire Division M to control the Northern progression of the CZU fire for two days with the La Honda Fire Brigade, Loma Mar Fire Brigade, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, San Mateo County Parks, and Cal Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, over the subsequent weeks they responded throughout San Mateo County to many reported fires from the Southern County line to San Bruno Mountain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department provided use of over 1.5 million dollars worth of Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department owned equipment and the personnel to staff the equipment at no cost to San Mateo County or the State of California.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby recognizes, commends, and is grateful to the members of the **Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department** for their heroic effort to combat the CZU Lightning Complex of August 2020.

**Dated: November 17, 2020**

**SUPERVISORS:**

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WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**