

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-14**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HONORING THE MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT "DISTRICT" 25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1880, a disastrous fire destroyed the Wagner home in Orinda and in 1915 another equally serious fire destroyed the de La Vega home, also in Orinda, and the only firefighters in the area were the few neighbors, farmhands and cowboys who rushed to assist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orinda Fire Protection District was established in February 1933 under the State Legislative Act of 1923 and grew from one fire station with one piece of equipment staffed by volunteers to three fire stations by the 1940's; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District was formed on July 1, 1997 as an independent special district through the consolidation of the Moraga Fire Protection District and the Orinda Fire Protection District, to provide more efficient fire protection, rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material response, ambulance, and any other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 1997 the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District convened the first swearing-in ceremony and regular board meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District Board of Directors at the Miramonte High School Parking Lot at 7:00 p.m., present were Commissioners Mike Cory, Gordan Nathan, Peter Scurr, Pete Wilson, and President John Wyro; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past 25 years, the staff has grown to 65 full-time public safety professionals who responded to more than 3,253 911-calls last year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District continues to provide fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services in the City of Orinda, the Town of Moraga, some unincorporated county areas adjacent to the municipalities, the community of Canyon, and automatic aid into Lafayette and State Responsibility Areas that lie within the District's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District provide mutual aid to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries to assist with major disasters, fires, and other emergency responses, including the recent Caldor, Dixie, River Complex, SCU Lightning Complex, and Lava Fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District take great pride in delivering the best possible service to the residents and are committed to protecting their safety through a sustained, multidisciplinary effort organized along seven lines of effort; and,

**WHEREAS**, the brave firefighters of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by our individual firefighters and public safety professionals, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District reflects on the history and development of firefighting over the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District celebrates its 25 Years of Service in July 2022 and the Board of Directors cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is an essential responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving the District; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors, along with the entire Community, do hereby thank the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District and all its Directors, Volunteers, and Personnel, past and present, for their significant contribution to the District, and hereby proclaim that the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District deserves our heartfelt gratitude and praise for keeping our community safe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board of Directors pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate 25 years of Service of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 at a regular meeting of the District Board of Directors held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic on motion made by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Jex, and duly carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS DANZIGER, JEX, JORGENS, AND DONNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DIRECTOR BAITX

ABSTAIN: NONE

*Michael Donner*

Michael Donner (May 19, 2022 16:58 PDT)

Michael Donner, President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

*Marcia Holbrook*  
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District Secretary/District Clerk






# 22-14 25th Anniversary Celebration Resolution

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