



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF FIRE MARSHAL BILL LELLIS**

WHEREAS, Bill Lellis, originally hailing from Boston, Massachusetts, entered the Air Force at the age of 16 and served honorably from 1954-1958; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been married to his wife Janice for sixty-three years, having raised four children together and are grandparents to six, all of whom are college graduates or currently attending college; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lellis began his career in the fire service in 1958 at the age of 20, volunteering with the Larkspur Fire Department and becoming a full-time firefighter two years later in 1960, then rising through the ranks to become its assistant chief, building inspector, and fire chief; and

WHEREAS, Bill served as the city of San Rafael's plans examiner and hazardous materials technician from 1984-1995; and

WHEREAS, Bill taught at and coordinated the College of Marin's Fire Science Program for over 30 years, teaching over 60 courses, and holds a State Department of Education Lifetime Teacher's Credential in Fire Science; and

WHEREAS, Bill established Sonoma County's fire prevention program, becoming its first fire marshal; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been an integral part of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District's fire prevention bureau, serving as its Fire Marshal since 2002, and shaping the district's fire prevention program with his extensive knowledge of the California Fire Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District hereby recognizes Fire Marshal Bill Lellis's 22 years of service to the district and wishes him a very happy retirement.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2024

Delano Doss, Board Chair