

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Jason Martin

WHEREAS, Jason Martin will retire from his role as CAL FIRE Deputy Chief with the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit and Deputy Chief of the Napa County Fire Department on December 1, 2024 after an esteemed 36 years of service with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), 30 years of which were dedicated to Napa County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Martin began his career as a Riverside County Volunteer Firefighter and CAL FIRE seasonal firefighter in 1988, and transferred to the (then) Lake Napa Unit, serving Napa County in 1994. Unique to Chief Martin's career, he worked his way through the rank structure having held every CAL FIRE rank leading to Deputy Chief in service and dedication to Napa County specifically; and

WHEREAS, among dozens of special assignments and leadership opportunities through his distinguished career, Chief Martin has been a member of Urban Search and Rescue Teams, the Napa County Hazardous Materials Team, and served as the Type 1 Incident Management Team Plan Section Chief (IMT4); and

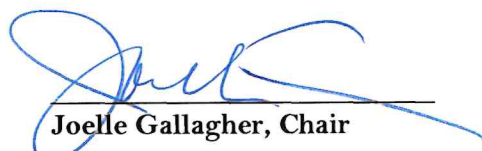
WHEREAS, in 2019, Chief Martin was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Napa County Fire Department. In 2021, he was appointed as Napa County's Fire Chief, and through his leadership, the department has made substantial strides toward fire prevention and readiness since. Key accomplishments include the treatment of 2,356 acres of land for shaded fuel breaks, 219 miles of roadside clearing, and the management of 353 grazed acres. Chief Martin also oversaw the County Chipping Program, which yielded an incredible 386,679 cubic yards of fire fuel material chipped in his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Chief Martin has built relationships with key organizations and members of the Napa County community. Through the expansion of the department's public outreach program, the Napa County Fire Department now offers consulting inspections, education and instructional videos to ensure the community is prepared for wildfire. The department has also partnered with Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to help implement the Fuel Mapper program, a resource developed to help residents identify and assess wildfire fuel hazards on their properties; and

WHEREAS, Chief Martin worked to coordinate fire protection measures with Napa County's wine community. Partnering with the Napa Valley Vintners and Napa Valley Grape Growers, Chief Martin helped create cohesive coordination for fuel work and open burning throughout the county. These innovative approaches to fire protection and positive connections have significantly elevated the Napa County Fire Department's reputation throughout California; and

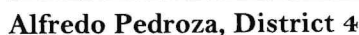
WHEREAS, Chief Martin has exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, diligence, and humility throughout his tenure, earning the respect and admiration of peers and members of the community alike. Chief Martin's retirement marks the end of a remarkable chapter in Napa County's fire service history, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, honor, and unparalleled service. His strategic vision and proactive approach has significantly enhanced the preparedness and effectiveness of our fire department, making Napa County a safer place to live, work, and play.

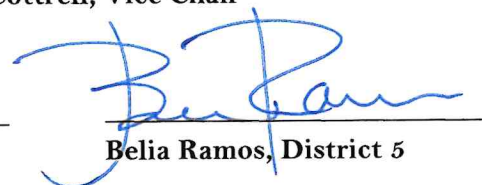
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 5th day of November 2024, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Deputy Chief Jason Martin on his retirement from a distinguished career with CAL FIRE and for his 30 years of dedicated service to the safety and wellbeing of the people and property of Napa County. We extend our sincerest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the County and community and wish him much happiness and health in his travels and adventures to come.


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