



*Proclamation of the*  
**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

*Michael Newburn*

WHEREAS, Michael Newburn has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for 32 years and is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Michael rose through the ranks, starting as a District Ranger and is completing his service as the Visitor Services Manager, with experience as a Maintenance and Construction Supervisor, Area Superintendent, Operations Manager, and Acting Assistant General Manager along the way; and

WHEREAS, Michael has shown tremendous honesty and professional integrity as well as demonstrating a deep caring for open space and the people with whom he works; and

WHEREAS, Michael possesses deep knowledge of District lands, history, staff and evolution, and has the ability to clearly articulate the District's mission, core values and policies to staff, members of the public, stakeholders, agencies, and others in the community; and

WHEREAS, Michael has represented the District in the community outreach and engagement efforts for the Open Space Vision Plan, presenting to Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, community groups, and other organizations to solicit input in developing the Vision Plan themes and goals; and

WHEREAS, Michael demonstrates acuity, skill, and humor in assessing a situation, whether in the field or in a meeting, and focusing on solutions to address the concerns and issues that have arisen; and

WHEREAS, Michael is not afraid to take on challenges and controversies, and handles them with honesty and openness, and make decisions in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Michael cultivated strong leadership among his coworkers, entrusted staff to perform to the best of their abilities, assisted and defended staff when necessary, and encouraged them constantly, and

WHEREAS, Michael has been instrumental in planning for, and opening, the Mount Umunhum Summit at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve, to provide current and future generations access to this wonderful addition to Open Space lands; and

WHEREAS, Michael will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends at the District;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Larry Hassett, President of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, along with my colleagues on the Board of Directors, unanimously and enthusiastically congratulate Michael on a well-deserved retirement, look back on his accomplishments with gratitude and awe, and wish him all the very best for the future.

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**LARRY HASSETT, BOARD PRESIDENT**