

Proclamation

Whereas, On February 1, 1983, when Rick Zombeck was hired as a Firefighter for the City of Alameda, a gallon of gas cost 96 cents and the Alameda Naval Air Station was an active military base; and

Whereas, Rick graduated from California State University Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Services and a Master of Science degree in Emergency Services Administration; and

Whereas, During his 38 ½ year tenure with the City of Alameda, Rick served as a Firefighter, Apparatus Operator, Captain, Division Chief, and Deputy Chief; and

Whereas, as the City's Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Rick helped revise Alameda's Emergency Management Plan, to improve our city's ability to prepare for and respond to major emergencies; and

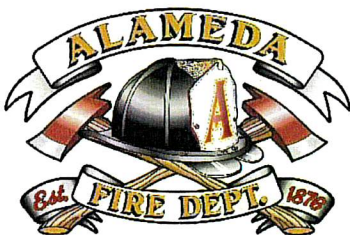
Whereas, throughout his career, Rick responded to and supervised countless emergency incidents, including fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials events, and water rescues, and continued to receive extensive leadership and management training; and

Whereas, in June 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Rick was appointed Interim Fire Chief. In this capacity, and utilizing his strong background in disaster preparedness, Rick helped establish the City's Emergency Operations Center to provide a comprehensive response to the pandemic; and

Whereas, Rick also served the Alameda community as Chair of the Alameda Disaster Council, a member of the Alameda Red Cross Volunteers Disaster Task Force, and a member of various community preparedness advisory boards, and;

Whereas, as he celebrates his retirement, the City of Alameda heartily thanks Rick for his 38 ½ years of service to this city, his steadfast leadership as Interim Fire Chief, and as a respected, valued, and enjoyable member of Team Alameda.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, wish former Interim Fire Chief Zombeck all the best in his well-earned retirement.




Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor