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# Inyo

## Proclamation

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HONORING OLANCHA-CARTAGO FIRE CHIEF STEVE DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**WHEREAS**, Steve Davis joined the Olancha Cartago Volunteer Fire Department 37 years ago, and has served as its Chief for the past 16; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Davis has been instrumental in or the driving force behind many advancements for the Department, including the development of an ambulance service in 1985, obtaining Advanced Life Support designation/introducing paramedic services in 1993, securing more than \$1.5 million in grant funding over the years, and replacing all of the Department's rolling stock twice; and

**WHEREAS**, his ambition, expertise and dedication extended well beyond the walls of the Olancha-Cartago Firehouse, as Chief Davis served as the Emergency Medical Technician Instructor at Lone Pine Unified School District for 16 years, and instructor of the Inyo County EMT Program, which he helped develop, for 18 years – helping local volunteer firefighters with access to critical training and departments with the ability to send necessary personnel on life-saving calls; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Davis also assisted fellow volunteer fire departments and allied agencies in the training of existing personnel and/or implementing new programs, launching the King Airway Program for all local agencies and providing training at its inception; creating a Fire Investigator Program in 2014; developing an Automated External Defibrillator Program for the Inyo County Sheriff's Department; organizing the "Olancha Extrication Seminar" and inviting all surrounding agencies from 1986 to 1994; and founding the first and only all-volunteer SWAT Medic Program in California in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Olancha-Cartago Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Davis developed skills and expertise in numerous fields – not just for the sake of training others but to do his job as a first responder: EMS, acute care, critical care, CPR, first aid, rescue, firefighting, fire safety, fire management, HazMat, disaster response, emergency services, incident command, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chief Davis' leadership, the Olancha-Cartago Volunteer Fire Department has responded to thousands of calls for rescue and medical assistance, structure fires, and wildland fires over a large, heavily traveled swath of Southern Inyo County, including providing mutual aid for surrounding departments and the state and federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding the critical importance of having enough EMTs and EMS providers to respond to calls in Inyo County, Chief Davis has been a tireless and vocal advocate for ways to better recruit and retain qualified professionals to staff ambulances from Rovana to Tecopa; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Davis has proven an invaluable resource in protecting and improving our local volunteers' ability to provide life-saving services to the citizens and visitors of Inyo County, as well as an asset to all agencies he has assisted and/or served, including the Inyo County Sheriff's Department as a P.O.S.T. Certified Advanced Public Safety Dispatcher; and

**WHEREAS**, for all that he has personally contributed – as a Paramedic, Firefighter, 911 Dispatcher, and Fire Chief – and for all the services he has enabled so many others to provide, Chief Davis stands as a fine example of a selfless, committed, trusted, and diligent public servant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge and thank, with its deepest and most heartfelt gratitude, Fire Chief Steve Davis for his decades of service to the Olancha-Cartago Volunteer Fire Department and the residents and visitors of Inyo County, and congratulates him on what this Board hopes will be a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

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