

Proclamation

Recognizing Frontline Workers During the Covid-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a generational event that has impacted every aspect of our country, including widespread illness, and deep economic and social disruption; and

WHEREAS, during the past two years, COVID-19 has claimed the lives of over 5.9 million people worldwide, over 940,000 Americans, over 84,000 Californians, and over 700 San Mateo County residents; and

WHEREAS, the entire community has demonstrated resilience, responded with care and compassion, and persevered through continued uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, local health care workers and many other essential front line workers in the public and private sectors have worked countless hours including overtime, holidays, and weekends to protect the health and safety of the community and to mitigate the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the heroic efforts and sacrifices of our local health care workers and other essential workers are deserving of acknowledgment and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City will join the County of San Mateo, Sequoia Hospital, and Kaiser Permanente in honoring health care workers and other essential workers on the second anniversary of the WHO's declaration by lighting the tent over Courthouse Square in blue lights on the evening of Friday, March 11; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City encourages residents and business to show their support by wearing blue and/or turning on blue lights at their home or business and using the following hashtags to promote pictures of this awareness campaign on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter): #BlueLightsAtDusk #HonorFrontlineWorkers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and residents of Redwood City, express deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our local health care workers and other essential workers for their selfless sacrifices and efforts to combat and respond to the unprecedented challenges facing our communities as a result of COVID-19.

Date: March 7, 2022



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