

Proclamation

Recognizing the Woodside High School Octagon Club for Community Cleanup Efforts

WHEREAS, the Octagon Club is a school-based, community service organization sponsored by the Redwood City Optimist club, a local group of the Optimist International organization; and

WHEREAS, the Octagon Club of Woodside High School was founded in June 1992 by Optimist member Millie Price-Cole, along with Woodside faculty advisor Elizabeth Annis; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Octagon Club is to provide opportunities for members individually and collectively, to participate in community serving activities, to develop leadership abilities, and to prepare for responsible roles in society; and

WHEREAS, the club aims to promote the belief that giving one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Woodside High School branch of the club is to seek out and/or respond to requests for assistance from local organizations serving the community. In addition to helping others, the hope is that participating students will gain broader perspectives and maturity through reflection on service experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Trash Patrol is a recent innovation of the Octagon Club, and was inspired by the Public Works Services Department's annual Coastal Cleanup. The students wished to help address concerns with increased litter during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Woodside High School Octagon Club continues to grow, with 56 current members and over 100 volunteers who find pleasure in beautifying their school, environment and the Redwood City community; and

WHEREAS, each week of September 2021, club members banded together to remove a tremendous amount of litter from the stream beds of Redwood Creek, along the curbs of Marshall Street, and within the bushes and fences of the surrounding area, all the while getting to know their local trails and natural environment. The goal is to carry out their work through the rest of the year, and continue their mission for many years ahead.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby recognize the **Woodside High School Octagon Club for their outstanding volunteerism, meaningful work and countless contributions to the community through their cleanup efforts, and thank them for making Redwood City, and our planet, a more beautiful place to live.**

Date: December 20, 2021



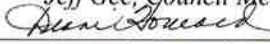

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