

# Proclamation

## Honoring Kaiser Permanente Redwood City's Physician-in-Chief Dr. Grace Firtch

*WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Firtch is completing her eight-year tenure serving as the Physician-in-Chief (PIC) for Kaiser Permanente Redwood City and San Mateo; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Firtch received her bachelor's degree in Zoology from San Diego State University, attended the UCLA School of Medicine and completed her residency training in physical medicine and rehabilitation at UC Irvine. She completed her residency and participated in an additional year of fellowship training in sports and spine medicine and joined The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) in 1992; and*

*WHEREAS, through the course of Dr. Grace Firtch's 30+ years in her clinical career in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dr. Firtch's professional interest has been the rehabilitation and non-surgical treatment of Musculoskeletal disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, some accomplishments under Dr. Grace Firtch's leadership include: KP-RWC was named an accredited Gold Seal Hospital by The Joint Commission, The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has recognized KP-RWC since 2010 with the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, KP-RWC continues to earn Newsweek's America's Best Maternity Hospitals recognition and continues to be recognized on Cal Hospital Compare's Maternity Care Honor Roll for achieving a 23.7% for C-Sections for first-time moms with low-risk pregnancies; and*

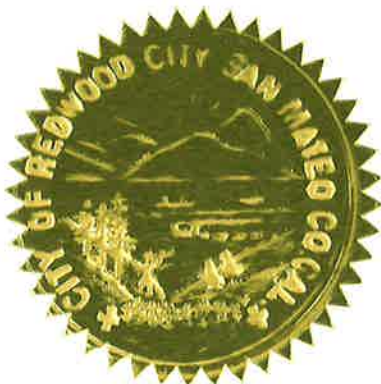
*WHEREAS, during her tenure as PIC, Dr. Firtch supported her teams in achieving program-leading performance in outpatient quality (8 consecutive years), inpatient quality (7 consecutive years), and inpatient care experience (6 consecutive years). She is proud of the strong culture of excellence demonstrated by the physicians and staff she has supported, always focusing first and foremost, on the well-being of the patients and communities we serve; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Firtch also led the development of TPMG's Transgender Care Research Institute, which established a pipeline for data collection and analysis contributing to the academic advancement of transgender health care; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Firtch is a community champion and will be cherished for years to come.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Grace Firtch for over 30 years of dedicated service to the Redwood City Kaiser patients and their families, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.**

Date: June 24, 2024



  
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