

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE OF LONGTIME FORT BRAGG FIRE
DEPARTMENT MEMBER DANNIE ORSI

WHEREAS, Dannie Orsi was a strong leader of the Fort Bragg Fire Department for six decades, joining as an auxiliary in 1958, rising to the rank of First Assistant Chief in 1990, and retiring in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dannie Orsi was a constant member of the Fort Bragg Fire Department's "top ten" list, a list showing every member's response to calls, meetings, and drills and

WHEREAS, Dannie Orsi was one of the first local firefighters to initiate a mutual aid response team through the State's Office of Civil Defense; initially jumping into a Jeep and responding to larger fires when requested, and leading to a comprehensive, decades-long partnership between the Fort Bragg Fire Department and California's Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, When California DMV started requiring specific testing for firefighters, Dannie Orsi obtained DMV approval for a course he developed that allowed Fort Bragg to test and certify drivers; and he shared the course with other departments in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, Dannie Orsi saw the need to improve the department's response to medical aid calls and he became one of the first EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians), prompting others to follow his lead; and

WHEREAS, Dannie Orsi recognized the necessity for volunteers to stay motivated through comradery and moments of fun, and his humor was one of the reasons the Fort Bragg Fire Department has had so much success with maintaining a strong rank of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, For decades, he oversaw the annual Candy Cane run, that had the firefighters taking Santa through the streets of Fort Bragg handing out candy canes to everyone, young and old. A great tradition that continues to be a firefighter favorite.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims recognition of Dannie Orsi for his 60 years of service to the residents of Mendocino County through his unmatched contributions as a leader of the Fort Bragg Volunteer Fire Department.

Dated: October 17, 2023

Glenn McGourty, Chair