

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

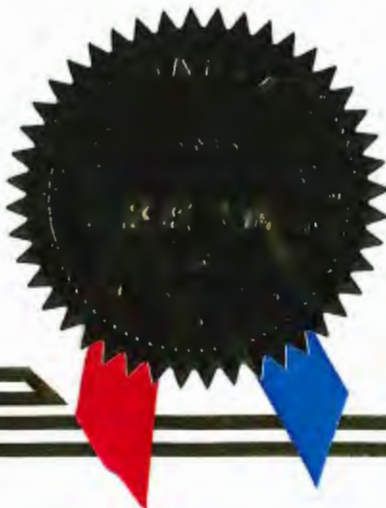
- WHEREAS,** Chief William "Bill" Kelly is retiring after 34 years of dedicated service to the Santa Clara Fire Department and the Santa Clara community; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly began his service with the City as a Volunteer Reserve Firefighter in 1982, was hired full-time in 1984, and steadily rose through the department ranks until his appointment as the City's 6th Fire Chief in 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly is a past president of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association and recently served on the public safety executive committee for Super Bowl 50, which was responsible for developing multi-agency security and emergency management plan for the 2016 Super Bowl in Santa Clara; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly led the Fire Department to think strategically about providing safety and emergency services, which led to receiving an international accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, developing a 5-year strategic plan to align with City Council goals, and enhancing the Office of Emergency Services; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly has dedicated himself to encouraging innovation in the field, strengthening interagency collaboration, enhancing emergency responder capabilities, and establishing effective disaster preparedness and emergency response policies; he supports these goals by serving on the Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council and the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, completing executive education in leadership and emergency management; he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master in Public Administration degree from San Jose State University; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Kelly is a lifelong resident of Santa Clara and serves as a board member for the Mission City Community Fund and the Rotary Club of Santa Clara, going above and beyond his role in public safety to engage and support our community;

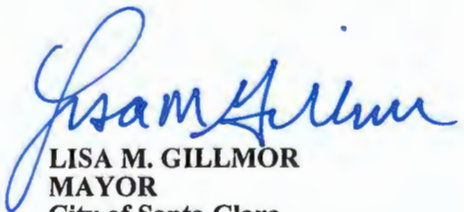
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate

Chief William G. Kelly

as he begins a new chapter and do hereby commend him for exemplary, honorable, and admirable service to our community over the last 34 years, and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 4th day of June, 2019.




LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara