

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-205

IN THE MATTER COMMENDING THE NORTH FRESNO ROTARY, EAST)
FRESNO ROTARY, FIG GARDEN ROTARY, CULTURAL ARTS ROTARY,))
FRESNO SUNRISE ROTARY, AND THE CENTRAL PASSPORT ROTARY))
CLUBS WHO REPLACED PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR))
THREE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS))

WHEREAS, the Creek Fire which started on September 4, 2020 was the largest single origin fire in recent California history, blackened 380,000 acres, destroyed over 855 structures, and destroyed the Huntington Lake volunteer fire department's station, and the equipment storage facilities of Big Creek and Pine Ridge volunteer fire stations; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of six Fresno-based Rotary Clubs met and formed the Creek Fire Relief Committee, setting up a plan for action. The needs were great, thus presenting challenges for the best use of the donation funds: and

WHEREAS, each community was extremely vulnerable without fire protection, emergency medical care and search and rescue capabilities. The committee was committed to helping the fire departments and their service volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the firefighters lost virtually all of their Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), the specialized clothing each firefighter needed to safely fight a fire. Also, many of the firefighters lost their homes, automobiles, and personal items; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary clubs determined the most pressing need was to replace the PPE. The clubs of North Fresno Rotary, East Fresno Rotary, Fig Garden Rotary, Cultural Arts Rotary, Fresno Sunrise Rotary, and the Central California Passport Rotary teamed up and donated \$41,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and expresses appreciation for the collaborative efforts of the six Fresno-based Rotary Clubs in helping the three volunteer fire departments as well as the mountain residents for whom they serve. The motto of Rotary "Serve Above Self" exemplifies their spirit in meeting the needs of the Fresno County community.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 13th day of July, 2021, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 

Deputy