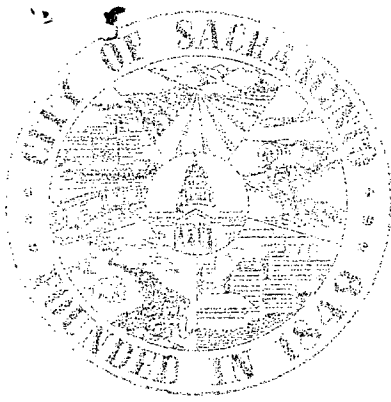


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Resolution

of the City Council

Honoring Sacramento Fire Department's 130th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Fire Department began as a volunteer department on February 5, 1850, one year after the City of Sacramento was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, in 1872, the state legislature passed a bill that made the Sacramento Fire Department California's first paid fire department; and

WHEREAS, during the early 1900s, the fire department grew rapidly; Engine #3 and Stations #4 and #5 were added, hand drawn carts were replaced by horse drawn wagons, the Oak Park Volunteer Fire Department was annexed to the city, and Station #6 was assigned the first motor driven fire engine; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the Fire Department established one of the first hazardous material incident response programs in California and, in 1984, Fruitridge and Natomas Fire Districts contracted with the City for fire protection services, as did the Pacific Fire Protection District in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990s, the Fire Department became one of 25 fire departments to create an Urban Search and Rescue Team, established the Advanced Life Support and Transportation Program to provide paramedic services and ambulance transportation to our citizens, and began the training and preparation necessary to respond to acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, presently, the Fire Department serves a population of over 450,000 and has 30 fire companies housed in 22 stations, over 100 pieces of specialized equipment, 571 employees, and a budget of over \$61 million; and

WHEREAS, today, the City's Fire Department has evolved into a highly trained and skilled, all-risk organization, providing services in fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous material regulation and response, special and technical rescue, fire prevention code enforcement and life safety education, and city disaster and terrorism preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby honor the Sacramento Fire Department on the occasion of its 130th Anniversary as a paid fire department.

ISSUED: This 18th Day of March 2003.

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HEATHER FARGO, MAYOR

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