

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
CERT APPRECIATION WEEK
AND RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE
MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)
SEPTEMBER 21 – 27, 2020

WHEREAS, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a national program under FEMA and Citizen Corp, and since 1985 has trained over 600,000 CERTs across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Marin County has held 20-hour Basic CERT training since 2011, training over 2,000 residents in safety skills, including first aid, disaster psychology, fire suppression and light search and rescue; and

WHEREAS, Marin County CERTs are registered Disaster Service Workers and Citizen First Responders, able to assist their neighbors in the response and recovery phase of a large-scale emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, Marin County CERTs have stepped forward in non-disaster or “Blue Skies” times to assist their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, working in the following programs:

- Assisting in food distribution throughout the summer at Tamalpais High School, packaging and distributing food to residents in need;
- Delivering fresh produce to older adults in need through the Growing Excellence in Marin (GEM) program;
- Staffing a community helpline throughout the summer, matching residents’ needs with CERT volunteers, including making friendly check-in calls to at-home older adults;
- Staffing a Cooling Center in Mill Valley during the recent heat wave; and
- Writing friendly, supportive letters to homebound older adults sheltering in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the week of September 21-27, 2020 as “CERT Appreciation Week” in gratitude for the community service provided by the Community Emergency Response Team members of Marin County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Supervisors of the County of Marin especially acknowledges the service of the following CERT members - Jim Devitt, Michael Fischer, Alex Guggenheim (Scout), Catharine Hooper, Maggie Lang, Lily Lunn, Tracey Lunn, Marcia Nay, Katherine Revoir, Lester Schlesinger, Ann Shores, Sue Steele, Tracy White and Elaine Wilkinson - for stepping up and helping their neighbors during these difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 22nd day of September 2020.

KATIE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2 - PRESIDENT

KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3

