

The Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING TOM BARNIDGE,
COLUMNIST FOR THE CONTRA COSTA TIMES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/84

WHEREAS, Tom Barnidge has worked for 46 years offering facts, opinions, controversial subject matters, and humor to enlighten, teach and entertain the newspaper reading public; and

WHEREAS, Before Tom became a metro columnist in 2009, he worked for 39 years in sports, mostly writing about fun and games; Tom found the idea of a new job fascinating and full of novel experiences; and

WHEREAS, Tom's career change provided a wide-eyed world of new experiences, ranging from jailhouse interviews to spending the day with an Animal Services officer where he learned how to rescue a deer caught in a wrought iron fence, interviewing a tattoo artist and attending an open-carry demonstration in which gun rights activists transformed a local sandwich shop into Dodge City; and

WHEREAS, Tom wrote on a long list of subjects over the course of more than 900 columns, he always stayed a true friend and reporter for the Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Tom always felt the toughest part of his job was also the most rewarding, knowing enough about both sides of an issue to feel comfortable drawing a conclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District does hereby honor

Tom Barnidge

For bringing his passion and dedication to his readers.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of February, 2016.

Candace Andersen
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Chair,
District II Supervisor

ABSENT

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

Mary N. Piepho
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District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff
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District IV Supervisor

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District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: February 9, 2016

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Stephanie Mello*, Deputy