



**MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE VOLUNTEERS AS THE
2020 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS**

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Fire started on November 17, 2020 in Walker, California; and

WHEREAS, driven by ferocious winds, the fire spread rapidly, quickly consuming homes and tragically taking the life of Sallie Joseph; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Fire destroyed or damaged 144 structures, 96 of which were homes, and burned over 20,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Antelope Valley were displaced, having lost their homes, vehicles, and possessions; and

WHEREAS, as soon as evacuated areas were cleared for return, community members in the Antelope Valley immediately took action to assist their neighbors, searching for and housing lost pets and livestock, collecting donations of clothing and household items, setting up a donation center, creating a donation fund and raising over \$200,000 and developing a plan to disperse monies among fire victims, hosting dinners and serving meals for fire victims, and generally assuring that fire victims' needs are met, outside the scope of the government response; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to name everyone who came forward to assist their neighbors during this time, the following individuals and businesses have displayed true community spirit as Mountain View Fire Volunteers:

Businesses and Organizations:

Antelope Valley Fire, Lions Club, Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce, Antelope Valley Community Emergency Response Team, Julian Family Ranch, Mountain View Barbeque, Walker General Store, West Walker Motel, Andruss Motel, Trinity Lutheran Church, Walker Baptist Church, Our Lady of the Valley Chapel Catholic Church

Donation Center Volunteers:

Jennifer, Neva, Dinelle and Charlotte Baker, Erika Clark, Jamie Sanchez, Lisa Parkhurst

Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Community Members:

Tracey Arnold, Danielle Martinez, Megan Medina, Emily Ramirez, Trina Smolucha, Mimi Wittnam, Colonel Daniel Wittnam, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian D. Arnold, Major James Smolucha, Gunnery Sergeant Marcos Medina, Staff Sergeant Christopher Sparkman, Staff Sergeant Christopher Proffitt, Sergeant Joshua Sanchez, Sergeant Ian Thompson, Sergeant Ryder Thomas, Sergeant Nathan Perrow, Corporal Cooper Walker

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaims that these Mountain View Fire Volunteers are the winners of the 2020 Community Spirit Award, in recognition of the work they did to assist fire survivors.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board thanks these individuals and businesses for their service to the community.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2021, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.


Jennifer Kreitz (Jan 12, 2021 13:46 PST)

Jennifer Kreitz, Supervisor District #1


Rhonda Duggan (Jan 12, 2021 13:29 PST)

Rhonda Duggan, Supervisor District #2


Bob Gardner (Jan 12, 2021 15:50 PST)

Bob Gardner, Supervisor District #3


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John Peters, Supervisor District #4



Stacy Corless, Supervisor District #5