



**Honorary Proclamation Recognizing
Fire Chief
STEPHEN LIEBERMAN
Upon His Retirement from Public Service**

WHEREAS, Stephen Lieberman is retiring as Fire Chief of the Five Cities Fire Authority after a successful career of over 30 years in public service; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Steve was appointed to the position of Fire Chief/Executive Officer with the Five Cities Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lieberman has an expansive background including 5 years of fire service with the City of Grover Beach; two terms on the Grover Beach City Council as Mayor; and Director of Emergency Medical Services Division with the County of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chief Lieberman was instrumental in Strategic Planning & Analysis; upgrading needed equipment; completing long term financial projections including capital equipment replacement; transitioning the Firefighter Program from part time to full time; providing consistent supervision with a Shift Based Battalion Chief Program; establishing a Public Information program; transitioning emergency dispatch services to regional fire-based dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Chief Lieberman dedicated himself to the community by serving as the Local Government Liaison to the County Public Health Department during early stages of international spread of virus, assisted member communities with preparing a Continuity of Operations Plan to maintain basic services and employee safety, obtained appropriate PPE and disinfecting equipment to minimize threat of infection to first responders, and coordinated with the Public Health Department to maintain initial flow of PPE for FCFA and member communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Lieberman has served on various boards such as the San Luis Obispo County Incident Management Team as its Liaison Officer; Area Command Team 3 – National Interagency Incident Management Team for the August 2020 Complex Fires and 2020 Colorado Fires; San Luis Obispo County Fire Chiefs Association, serving as President for two terms; Regional Hazardous Materials Team; Homeland Security Grant Program; Emergency Medical Services Operations Committee; and Ambulance Performance Operations Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby express sincere appreciation to STEPHEN LIEBERMAN for his outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Arroyo Grande and its citizens, and congratulate him on his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 19th day of January 2024.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

