

SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 609

**A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue
(aka KCFPD #39), King County, Washington, Recognizing the Accomplishments and
Service of Former Commissioner James A. Fossos**

WHEREAS, James A. Fossos after graduating from West Seattle High, he began his public service career by proudly serving as a Recon Marine Sergeant in the US Marines Corp. in the Vietnam War. He continued to serve his fellow Marines as an active member and Veteran Advocate with the US Marines Corp. by servicing as the Deputy Vice President of the 1st Marine Division Association and

WHEREAS, after his Marine Corp service Jim started a new career path as a Union Boilermaker in Seattle, and

WHEREAS, James A. Fossos started his fire service career in 1970 with Seattle Fire Department. He spent time working on Engine 29, Ladder 11 and the final 26 years of his career on Ladder 1 as the Driver and Haz-Mat Technician on Unit 77. Fossos retired from Seattle Fire Department in 2001 after 31 years of dedicated service to the fire fighters and citizens of the City of Seattle, and

WHEREAS, during his career with the Seattle Fire Department he continued to serve fellow firefighters serving as the long standing Secretary-Treasurer for Seattle Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 27. On behalf of the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Jim taught many classes to local Secretary-Treasurers across the country and Canada on how to be a successful Secretary Treasurers for their respective fire fighter locals while active and during his retirement and

WHEREAS, after his retirement Jim continued to serve and represent retired fire fighters as a member of the Board of Directors and Officer with the Retired Fire Firefighters of Washington (RFFOW) serving lastly as the Vice President and

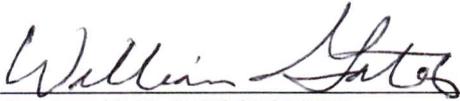
WHEREAS, Jim was active in numerous organizations from Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union Trustee, King County Labor Council Representative, 33rd Legislative District Democrats, Seattle Public Safety Civil Service Commissioner, Medic One Foundation and many many other organizations and charitable and community causes improving worker conditions and assisting those less fortunate, and

WHEREAS, in 1993 James A. Fossos was first elected to the Board of Fire Commissioners at King County Fire Protection District #26 (aka Des Moines Fire Department). He was re-elected in 1999 and 2005. Due to a merger with Federal Way Fire Department in 2006, he became a Commissioner at South King Fire and Rescue and served as Vice Chair. He was then re-elected in 2011 and 2017 after serving over 27 years as a Fire Commissioner he resigned his position in February 2020 for medical reasons and

WHEREAS, During his service as a fire commissioner he continued serving fellow fire commissioners and the citizens of King County as the King County Fire Commissioners Association and King County Council appointee long time representative to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee of the King County Office of Emergency Management. Jim also served on the Board of Directors of the King County Fire Commissioners Association sharing his life-long Secretary-Treasurer experience and counsel to improve fire commissioner association operations and involvement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Fire Commissioners, on behalf of the Citizens and public partners within South King Fire & Rescue gratefully say **“Thank You For Your Service”** to Former Commissioner James A. Fossos for serving his country as a Recon Marine Sergeant, and service as a Career Firefighter for 31 years at Seattle Fire Department and a Commissioner at King County Fire District #26 and South King Fire & Rescue for over 27 years”. You are a true Public Servant, Semper Fi Marine!

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting this 24th day of February 2022, with the following Commissioners being present and voting.



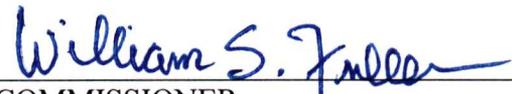
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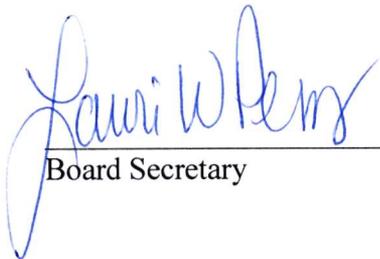
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ATTEST:



Board Secretary

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