

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

Whereas, October 17th marks the 15th Anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the 50th Anniversary of the San Francisco Fireboat *Phoenix*, and the 15th Anniversary of the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) program; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Fire Department's Fireboat *Phoenix* has been protecting San Francisco's citizens, visitors and the waterfront for the past 50 years; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Fire Department responded to the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, evading a major conflagration, with the aide of Marina District residents who came forth to assist their neighbors and helped the firefighters lay hose from the Fireboat *Phoenix* in the Marina yacht harbor, which pumped water from the San Francisco Bay via the Portable Water Supply System (PWSS); and

Whereas, invented in 1984 by Assistant Chief Frank Blackburn (ret.) and manufactured at the San Francisco Fire Department Central Shops, the PWSS and the Fireboat *Phoenix* were critical in controlling the Marina fire; and

Whereas, NERT, an outstanding program of citizen volunteers trained and organized by the San Francisco Fire Department, was jointly conceived by Marina residents and Assistant Chief Dennis Callahan (ret.) and implemented by Lieutenant Frank Lucier (ret.); and

Whereas, in the last 15 years the community outreach of NERT has touched every neighborhood in the City and County of San Francisco and trained more than 11,000 San Francisco residents to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a major disaster; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2004 as...

15-50-15 DAY

In San Francisco!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor