



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Edward K. Banks

January 19, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Ed Banks, a native Californian, was born in San Francisco, grew up in La Selva Beach and attended Aptos Elementary School, then graduated from Watsonville High School in 1966; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed received his A.A. degree from Cabrillo College in 1968 and his B.A. from Sonoma State University two years later; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed began his military career as a Naval Reservist, stationed at Flag Administrative Unit, Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii in November of 1970 and concluded his active duty assignment in August of 1972, ultimately receiving an honorable discharge three years later; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed has been in the insurance profession since 1972, beginning with commercial underwriting at the Hartford Insurance Company and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, both in the bay area; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1977, Ed moved back to Watsonville to join the Martin & Friend Insurance Agency and in April of 1996, he merged it with Kane-Hall-Palmtag Insurance to form KBK Insurance Agency; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed has served on several organizations' boards of directors, including Watsonville's Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers, National Little League, YMCA, rotary club and Firefighters Association, Insurance Brokers & Agents of the West, Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Monterey Bay Bank; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed was a reserve lieutenant for the Watsonville Fire Department from 1981 to 2006, during which time he successfully completed courses of study in Fire Command Operations and Fire Cause Determination at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and
- WHEREAS,** Ed is a former Area VII trustee for Cabrillo Community College as well as a past president of the College Foundation's board of directors, and currently serves as a trustee on the Pajaro Valley Cemetery District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Edward K. Banks for his contributions to the community and wish him continued success in all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 19th day of January, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor