

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant

DATE: October 3, 2022

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming October 8, 2022, the East Jefferson Fire & Rescue 150th Anniversary

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

East Jefferson Fire Rescue is the product of combining three separate fire departments; Jefferson County Fire Protection District #1 (Chimacum/Hadlock/Marrowstone Island), Jefferson County Fire Protection #6 (Cape George) and Port Townsend Fire Department. East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) has proudly embraced their rich legacies. The Port Townsend fire department was founded in 1872, it's not only the oldest of the agencies within EJFR, but also one of the oldest in the western U.S.

In addition to bringing the community together to celebrate this benchmark anniversary, the October 8, 2022 event is also expected to attract fire buffs and history fans from across the region. Officials chose the second weekend in October for its proximity to National Fire Prevention Week because protecting the community involves more than emergency response: it also involves preventing emergencies and preparing for them should they occur.

FISCAL IMPACT

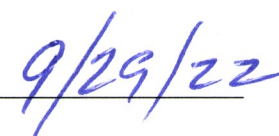
There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 8, 2022, the East Jefferson Fire & Rescue 150th Anniversary

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

PROCLAMATION

East Jefferson Fire & Rescue 150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Fire Protection District 1, also known as East Jefferson Fire Rescue serves the City of Port Townsend and surrounding Jefferson County areas with Fire and EMS protection; and

WHEREAS, one year after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, Port Townsend employed the first firefighters in Jefferson County in 1872; and

WHEREAS, East Jefferson Fire Rescue carries the legacy of the fire service in Jefferson County to include Fire District 6 of Cape George, Jefferson County Fire District 1 of Chimacum and the City of Port Townsend Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, East Jefferson Fire Rescue has been in operation for 150 years with a varying mission that has evolved to a multi-hazard organization responding to fires, emergency medical events, marine emergencies, auto-accidents, and hazardous materials emergencies; and

WHEREAS, East Jefferson Fire Rescue recognizes the value of connection to our community through the dedicated career and volunteer members of the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 8, 2022, as

East Jefferson Fire & Rescue 150th Anniversary

in Jefferson County, and encourages all residents to join us in celebration of this dynamic community asset and historical site in observation of this important day.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of October, 2022

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