

# **TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION**

## **In Honor of Jody Timms**

### **The 2019 Citizen of the Year**



**WHEREAS,** for approximately 10 years, Jody Timms has been the Town of Fairfax's appointed representative to the Marin County Commission on Aging where she is a tireless advocate for older adults in Fairfax and throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS,** through Jody's leadership, the Town of Fairfax submitted its Age Friendly designation application to the World Health Organization (WHO) in December 2014 and was accepted into its Global Network of Age Friendly Cities on March 1, 2015, and, in 2018 was notified of its membership into AARP's Age Friendly Network; and

**WHEREAS,** without Jody Timms, there would be no Age Friendly Fairfax; in 2014 Jody organized a group of volunteers, the Age Friendly Task Force, and from 2015 through 2016, the Task Force developed the Age Friendly Fairfax Community Assessment and Strategic Action Plan, submitted it to WHO in 2017 and began its implementation; and

**WHEREAS,** as Chair of Fairfax's Age Friendly Task Force, Jody has led the group tirelessly and selflessly to implement the Plan for Fairfax, and at this time more than 90% of its goals have been accomplished; many elements she has personally created and led, such as creation of a monthly forum at the library on topics for older adults, she holds one-on-one sessions (Ask the Expert) for older adults, and worked with the Fairfax Recreation Department and the Town Council to provide free classes for older adults; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody initiated the concept of Age Friendly benches throughout the Town of Fairfax, many have been placed along Center Boulevard, outside the Women's Club which facilitates Marin Transit pick-up services and in Bolinas Park along with other locations in Town; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody developed the Breakfast with Friends monthly gatherings in local Fairfax restaurants to encourage older adults to engage with others, as a means to combat solitude and loneliness often seen with seniors; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody encouraged the Task Force to develop and work with the Ross Valley Seniors to host an annual 90 and Better event to celebrate nonagenarians in the Town of Fairfax; the second celebration will be held October 10, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody created partnerships with the Fairfax Library and Bennett House to ensure the work with older adults has a broader reach; through her efforts, the Library and Bennett House have chair yoga classes along with other programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody's leadership role within the community includes working collaboratively with the Town Council and local community members to redesign, reinvigorate and refurbish the park within Claus Circle; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody created 350 Marin with her son Jolon to raise awareness around global climate change issues and has been an integral member of the Fairfax Climate Action Committee since its inception in 2014; and

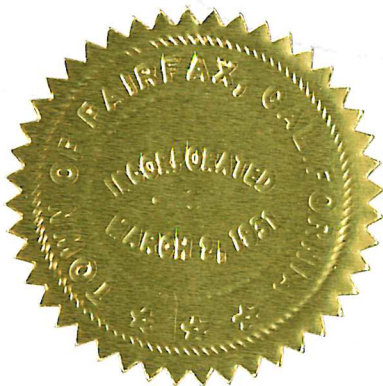
**WHEREAS,** as a founding member of the Cascade Canyon Firewise committee, the first established in the Town, Jody has motivated neighbors to create defensible space around their homes, to develop evacuation plans, to create "go bags," and has led efforts to assist the most vulnerable residents in her neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody is described by her fellow community members as being a leader, an uplifting team player who makes the experience of getting involved enjoyable; Jody is known as a vital part of the community – she takes the initiative and always steps up; and

**WHEREAS,** Jody truly lives to make our Town and our World better in numerous ways, the Town of Fairfax is truly a better place because of Jody Timms; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED,** in acknowledgment of her leadership, commitment and tremendous service to Fairfax and to the larger community, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax extends its gratitude, appreciation, and admiration to **Jody Timms, the 2019 Citizen of the Year recipient,**

**AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that October 2, 2019 is **Jody Timms Day** in the Town of Fairfax.



Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019,

Barbara Coler, Mayor of Fairfax