

**City of San Rafael  
Proclamation  
Presented to  
Mark Hedeem**

- WHEREAS,** Mark Hedeem deserves to be honored and recognized due to his many important contributions to the City of San Rafael and positive impact on so many within our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Since 1969, Mark Hedeem has been a member of the San Rafael Police Department, dedicating decades of service to the City and its community; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Hedeem has worked as a Reserve Police Officer, Open Space Ranger, and Marine Unit Reserve Officer; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Hedeem's wealth of knowledge and experience has been an invaluable asset to the community, contributing most notably and significantly to the operational success of the San Rafael Police Department Marine Unit; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Hedeem's commitment extended beyond duty hours, actively contributing to routine maintenance for the Marine Unit's vessels and equipment, ensuring their continuous operational readiness; and
- WHEREAS,** Under Mark Hedeem's leadership, the Marine Unit achieved notable recognition for outstanding service, earning two Gold Medal of Valor awards and seventeen life-saving awards; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Hedeem and his team played a crucial role in critical operations, including water rescues, distressed vessel assists, law enforcement operations, search and rescue missions, and recoveries; and
- WHEREAS,** The Marine Unit, under Mark Hedeem's guidance, has been a vital asset in ensuring the safety and security of San Rafael's waterways;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** on behalf of the entire community of San Rafael, the City, and the City Council, I, Kate Colin, do hereby warmly express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mark Hedeem for his service to the community. As he embarks on an honorably earned retirement, we commend him for his commitment, professionalism, and the positive impact he has made on the safety and well-being of our city.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Kate