

# *Charles W. “Chip” Prather, Jr.*

## *Fire Chief, Orange County Fire Authority*

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles W. “Chip” Prather, Jr. began his outstanding and distinguished career in Orange County fire service in 1970, and has decided to retire after 39 years, and it is highly appropriate at this time that he be extended special recognition and commendations by the public he so dutifully served; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Prather came to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) with over twenty-five years experience in fire prevention and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, during the course of Chief Prather’s career, he was appointed by the governor to the State Emergency Council, and in 2002 was selected Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Prather directed the daily operations of more than 1,500 firefighters, reserves and professional staff, who served 22 cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County, with a population of more than 1,300,000 residents and an operational budget of \$260 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Prather leaves the office with an outstanding reputation as a dedicated and hard working leader who demonstrated mature and informed judgments in a professional manner, and reflected great credit upon the Orange County Fire Authority and the role of fire fighters as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Prather has always been engaged in providing much needed knowledge and skills in performing his duties, and he developed strong ties with the community through his dedicated service;

**WHEREAS**, Orange County is fortunate to have been served by a public servant of Chief Prather’s caliber, and his service in Orange County fire service is worthy of recognition;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

does hereby congratulate Chief Charles W. “Chip” Prather, Jr. for 39 illustrious years in Orange County fire service, commends him for his exemplary service to county residents, and further extends sincere best wishes for a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

**Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June, 2009**