



Proclamation

Honoring *Richard Simonitch* Upon His Retirement as Public Works Director and Town Engineer

Town of Ross, California

Whereas, Richard Simonitch is a Ross native who as a child attended Ross Elementary School, lived in Winship Park and went on to build a career of more than 30 years in civil engineering, land development, water resources, and stormwater management across Marin, Monterey, and other Northern California counties; and

Whereas, Richard Simonitch joined the Town of Ross as Public Works Director and Town Engineer in December 2016, returning to serve the community where he grew up; and

Whereas, Richard Simonitch oversaw the successful delivery of numerous capital improvement projects, including the Bolinas Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project Phase 1, pavement rehabilitation on streets throughout Town, the conversion of 206 streetlights to LED technology, pedestrian safety improvements through the Laurel Grove Safe Pathway and Shady Lane Safe Routes to School projects, securing over \$500,000 in regional grant funding, installing new pedestrian bridges at Natalie Coffin Green park, repaving Sir Frances Drake Blvd., and establishing utility undergrounding districts; and

Whereas, Richard Simonitch advanced the Winship Bridge Replacement Project through state and federal environmental review and major planning milestones, securing a projected \$4.3 million in federal and state funding for the replacement of the more than 100-year-old bridge, and shepherded the adoption of a comprehensive Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Capital Improvement Master Plan in 2023 to guide the long-term management of the Town of Ross's three miles of drainage infrastructure; and

Whereas, Richard Simonitch is a skilled pilot and guitarist who has brought the same spirit of curiosity and dedication to his personal pursuits as he has to his professional work; and

Whereas, it is most fitting that the Town of Ross recognize and celebrate the many contributions of Richard Simonitch and wish him a well-deserved retirement.

Now, Therefore, on behalf of the Town of Ross and the Ross Town Council, I do hereby thank and honor Richard Simonitch for nearly ten years of exceptional service as the Town of Ross Public Works Director and Town Engineer, for the skill and dedication he brought to every project, and for the lasting improvements he made to the infrastructure, safety, and sustainability of the Town of Ro

Dated this 9th day of July, 2026

Julie McMillan, Mayor