

Board of Port Commissioners
Proclamation Honoring Marshall Merrifield

- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield was appointed to the Board of Port Commissioners by the San Diego City Council in January 2013 to represent the City of San Diego; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield served as Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners in 2016 and brought his experience and perspective as a business owner and business leader to the Board during his seven years of service; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield led the campaign to make the Port of San Diego's two cargo terminals more sustainable. He worked with the California Energy Commission to pursue sustainable freight initiatives and pursued grant funding for electrified equipment; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield has been an integral part of advancing Aquaculture and Blue Technology initiatives at the Port, has represented the Program at many government, industry and academia settings, and formed the Port's Fisheries and Aquaculture Ad hoc Committee; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield kickstarted the Port's Blue Economy Incubator program, providing mentorship guidance and was instrumental in the start-up of many Incubator projects including the Floating Upweller System (FLUPSY) oyster nursery project in San Diego Bay; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield formed the Port's Energy Management and Climate Action Ad hoc Committee to further enhance the Port's sustainability efforts during his Chairmanship; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield is passionate about public art and during his year as Chairman of the Board restored the Port's Public Art Fund; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield reignited the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Lighting Program, providing it a new name — "Illuminate the Bay" — and amending the Port's Tenant Percent for Art Policy to allow for funding opportunities; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Merrifield is credited with getting several high-profile projects off the ground, including the Central Embarcadero redevelopment, the San Diego Symphony Shell performance venue, the Portside Pier restaurant complex, and the East Harbor Island redevelopment;

NOW THEREFORE

Be it Proclaimed that the Board of Port Commissioners and the staff at the Port of San Diego hereby honor Marshall Merrifield with a proclamation and confer the title of Commissioner Emeritus for his productive term of service on the Board of Port Commissioners and for his many contributions to the residents and visitors of our region.
