

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCLAMATION
AND APPOINTING MARSHALL MERRIFIELD AS
COMMISSIONER EMERITUS EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 3, 2021**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to *Harbors and Navigation Code* Appendix I (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 040 establishes a Commissioner Emeritus status for former Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners who have held office for a period of at least 42 consecutive months since the formation of the District are eligible for appointment to Commissioner Emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Merrifield was appointed to the BPC 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 BPC in 2016 and brought his experience and perspective as a business owner and business leader to the BPC during his seven years of service; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Merrifield led the campaign to make the District's two cargo terminals more sustainable and 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 District, 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 District's Blue Economy Incubator program, providing mentorship guidance and was instrumental in the

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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 District'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 District'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 District'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 RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does 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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 19th day of January 2021, by the following vote: