



AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-1

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: June 28, 2016

Date: June 7, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Estelle Fennell
Subject: Sequoia Gas Company 75th Anniversary Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors would like to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Sequoia Gas Company, a family owned and operated business that was founded in 1941. The Board also encourages members of the community to congratulate Sequoia Gas on their 75th Anniversary and thank the McWhorter family for their years of commitment to the communities of Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Signature 
Signature 

Prepared by Kathy Hayes
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Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell
Seconded by Supervisor Bass
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Dated: June 28, 2016
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Meeting of: _____

By: 

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

“SEQUOIA GAS COMPANY”
75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1941, the Sequoia Gas Company was started by the Youngreen family, and in 1947, after returning from the Army Air Corps, Ben McWhorter joined the Youngreen family in the business; and

WHEREAS, in just two short years (1949), Ben became a partner with Gene Youngreen in the company, and in 1950 married the company bookkeeper, Billie Lawrence, a local girl from Petrolia; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Sequoia LP Gas incorporated and the first of eight (8) McWhorter children was born into the family; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Ben acquired full ownership of Sequoia Gas Company, and in 1955, opened Liberty Propane in Arcata prior to the 55' flood which caused untold damage to the Northcoast and Sequoia Gas Company and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Liberty Propane was sold to make way for the construction of Highway 101, and in 1962, Eel River Propane in Rio Dell was purchased; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the 64' flood caused another major blow to Humboldt County and the company; and

WHEREAS, from 1967 through 1975 Sequoia Gas continued to grow and prosper, serving the propane and appliance needs of Humboldt County and Southern Trinity; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Ben McWhorter at age 51, passed away tragically from an automobile accident, and his wife Billie is unexpectedly thrust into running the company with 7 children still at home; and

WHEREAS, from 1977 through 1983, with the help of employees, family, and friends, Billy McWhorter was able to excel as a leader in the propane business and the local community. In fact, in 1992, Billie was honored to serve as the President of the Western Liquid Gas Association and

WHEREAS, in 1999, after battling cancer, Billie McWhorter passed away and her children stepped in immediately to continue running the family business; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, third generation family member, Britni McWhorter (Shane McWhorter's daughter) began working at Sequoia Gas Company, and

WHEREAS, in 2003, following in his mother's footsteps, Shannon McWhorter is honored to serve as the Chairman for the Western Propane Gas Association and

WHEREAS, in 2008, following in the traditional family custom, Benjamin McWhorter II (Shannon McWhorter's son) joined the family business; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Sequoia Gas Company is recognized by the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce as the "Business of the Year," and in 2014 purchased Dave's 76 Service Station in Fortuna and renamed it Sequoia Gas Station

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that over the past 75 years, Sequoia Gas Company has been blessed with many wonderful, hardworking and loyal employees, and would not be what it is today without them. Sequoia Gas Company has always strived to provide every customer with excellent service at a fair price, and the McWhorter family is proud to be the only locally owned and operated propane company in Humboldt County and looks forward to serving their customers for the next 75 years. **"Mainly beyond the Mains."**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby honors Sequoia Gas Company on their 75th Anniversary, and commends the McWhorter family for their commitment to their customers and excellent service over the past 75 years.

Dated: June 28, 2016




Mark Lovelace, Chair