



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

RESOLUTION NO. 22-
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION

TO

***BRIGADIER GENERAL
ANTOINETTE R. GANT***

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Antoinette R. Gant is being recognized for her promotion to brigadier general after a distinguished 28-year career in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is the first African American female to serve as a division commander in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and is the first African American female (active duty) to reach the rank of brigadier general in the history of the Engineer Regiment, becoming a role model for women and African Americans; and

WHEREAS, as the Commander and Division Engineer for the USACE South Pacific Division, a position she has held since July 9, 2021, Brigadier General Gant leads a workforce of more than 2,800 military and civilians and oversees hundreds of water resource development, military, and interagency design and construction projects valued at more than \$16 billion in support of our communities, our Nation, and our warfighters; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant has served in a variety of command and staff positions for engineering units stateside and abroad, including: commanding the USACE South Pacific Border District; serving as the combined joint engineer for the Resolute Support and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS) headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan; serving as military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army-Civil Works, Washington, D.C.; serving as chief of operations for the engineer directorate, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; and acting as director for the Directorates of Public Works and Installation Support, Area Support Group-Kuwait.; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant has received numerous national and community awards, including the 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Conference Award (BEYA), Army Stars and Stripes Award, the 2020 Women of Color Career Achievement in Government Award, the YWCA Women on the Move Award, Women of Influence in Government by Albuquerque Business First, BEYA Special Recognition Award, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., South Central Region Visionary Leader and Global Leader Award; and



WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant has been recognized through the military with awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit (2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7), Army Staff Identification Badge, Recruiter Badge, Army Engineer Association Bronze and Silver de Fleury Medals, National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the NATO Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3); and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is actively involved in developing partnerships with agencies and organizations to promote science, technology, engineering, and math initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant has worked collaboratively with Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) to advance critical infrastructure projects in Santa Clara County, including the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project and the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is a proven leader who has, time and again, helped Valley Water and USACE reach creative solutions to overcome project challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby commemorate the promotion of Brigadier General Antoinette R. Gant and recognize her distinguished career in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer and for being a role model to all Americans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District on November 22, 2022.

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JOHN L. VARELA
Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors