

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Mike Conrad has served in a police-officer capacity for thirty years; and

Whereas, Mike was recruited by Oregon City as Police Lieutenant on July 15, 2002 after serving as Police Chief for the Mount Angel Police Department for five years; and

Whereas, Mike was promoted to the position of Police Chief by former City Manager Larry Patterson on February 11, 2009; and

Whereas, Mike has created an atmosphere where all members of the Police Department contribute to the decision making process, thereby creating the highest level of morale that I have witnessed during my tenure on the City Commission; and

Whereas, this atmosphere has resulted in the two last contracts being negotiated and settled within a single day of bargaining; and

Whereas, Mike has recruited an average of more than one police officer per year, bringing our total to forty-three sworn officers; and

Whereas, out of 200 grant requests, the Oregon City Police Department was one of a handful of police departments to receive grant funding for additional officers and one of only two departments in Oregon to receive funding for more than one officer; and

Whereas, recognizing that Oregon City has not achieved its goal of 1.5 sworn officers per thousand, Mike, with the support of his officers, maximized the use of our current resources by implementing a four-day, ten-hour shift resulting in a doubling of the number of police officers during the six-hour period when the demand for police services is greatest; and

Whereas, after losing funding for the position School Resource Officer at Oregon City High School but realizing the importance of that position, Mike reinstated the position using general funds allocated to his department; and

Whereas, the engagement and interaction between the police department and the community is higher than it has ever been; and

Whereas, there has been a seamless transition in the leadership of the police department in the months leading to Mike's retirement, a transition that has had the support of the police union.

Now, Therefore, I, Doug Neeley, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, the City Commission, City staff, and the citizens of Oregon City offer our best wishes for a long, happy and productive retirement to Mike Conrad, and do proclaim

July 17, 2013

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Mike Conrad Day

And, urge all citizens and staff to express their appreciation for the many positive contributions Mike has made to the City of Oregon City.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of July 2013.


DOUG NEELEY, Mayor

