

PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OFFICER KARSON KAUFFROATH OF THE HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE 2022 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Karson Kauffroath was raised in Sacramento and the adjacent City of Wilton California, and graduated from Liberty Ranch High School in Galt in 2012, where he participated on the wrestling team all four years of high school; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Karson Kauffroath immediately enlisted into the United States Marine Corps where he was sent to 13 weeks of recruit training followed by 10 weeks of infantry training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2013, Karson Kauffroath was deployed to Asia where he spent six-months overseas before returning to his duty station of Camp Pendleton in November of 2013. He spent the next full year at Camp Pendleton before his second overseas deployment to Asia in November 2014. He returned from his second deployment in May of 2015 where he finished his 4-year commitment to the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Karson Kauffroath returned home to Wilton, California and enrolled into Cosumnes River Community College in Sacramento while looking for employment in the law enforcement profession. In February of 2018, Karson Kauffroath was hired by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and was sent to the Correctional Academy. Upon graduating from the academy, he was assigned to the Correctional Medical Facility in Vacaville, California; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kauffroath decided to continue his law enforcement career and was hired as a full time police officer trainee with the Hercules Police Department in April 2019 where he was sponsored through the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Academy and graduated in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Officer Kauffroath participated in an extensive examination process and was selected to represent the Hercules Police Department as a Recruit Training Officer at the 194th Contra Costa County Sheriff's Basic Police Academy in January 2022. Upon completion of this assignment, Officer Karson Kauffroath received a letter of commendation from the Chief of Police after receiving praise from multiple Contra Costa County Sheriff's personnel; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kauffroath was selected to be one of two Active Shooter Instructors for the Hercules Police Department and attended an Active Shooter Instructor course in Rancho Cucamonga; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kauffroath has been selected to be a member of the Hercules Police Department's Special Response Team and recognized by his supervisors as an excellent team member and mentor; and

WHEREAS, in a secret ballot of his peers Officer Kauffroath was selected for Officer of the Year for 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Alexander Walker-Griffin, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules community, do hereby commend and express appreciation to Officer Karson Kauffroath for his dedication to the law enforcement profession and the community he proudly serves.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed on this February 14th, 2023.

Alexander Walker-Griffin, Mayor