PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OFFICER KYLE JOHNSON OF THE HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE 2024 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Kyle Johnson was raised in Pinole, California, and attended Pinole Valley High School where he excelled both in his academic studies and as an athlete. At the age of 15, Kyle joined the Hercules Police Department Explorer program, where he also excelled as a competitor and earned multiple awards during the National Police Explorer competitions in Chandler, Arizona. In 2015, Kyle graduated with honors from Pinole Valley High School and continued his academic studies at the University of California, Irvine. During his junior year of college, Kyle was hired as a part-time Community Service Officer with the University of California, Irvine Police Department. Kyle remained focused on achieving academic excellence during his college career, earned a GPA of 3.78 which led to his placement on the Deans Honors List for his academic achievements. In the spring of 2018, Kyle graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, Law and Society; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Kyle returned home to Pinole, California, and worked as a security officer at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, California. In 2019, Kyle was hired by the Alameda Police Department, served as Police Technician 1, and graduated from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Academy in Pittsburg, California; and

WHEREAS, On October 26, 2020, Kyle was hired by the Hercules Police Department as Police Officer and successfully completed his Field Training Program. Over the last four years, Kyle has been assigned to various specialized units including the Special Response Team (SRT) and the County Mutual Aid Mobile Field Force (MAMFF), and has served as a Defensive Tactics Instructor; and

WHEREAS, in a secret ballot of his peers, Officer Kyle Johnson was selected for Officer of the Year for 2024 in recognition of his exceptional attitude, teamwork, and unwavering dedication to both the Hercules Police Department, and citizens of Hercules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dion Bailey, 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 Kyle Johnson for his dedication to the law enforcement profession and the community he proudly serves.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 14th day of January 2025.

Dion Bailey, Mayor