



# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

## Proclamation

### In Recognition of James Conner upon his retirement from the City of Sebastopol

WHEREAS, James first began his law enforcement career as a military policeman in the United States Air Force in 1983; and

WHEREAS, James has served our community as a member of the Sebastopol Police Department since 1996; a total of almost 24 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to general patrol work, James was also our first School Resource Officer where he worked with all of the public schools in Sebastopol. He was later assigned as a Motorcycle Traffic Officer when SPD received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety in 1994 to start a Traffic Unit; and

WHEREAS, James came through the ranks of the Police Department to become Sebastopol Police Chief on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James has been instrumental through his affiliation as a Recruit Training Officer at the Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center, in assisting in the basic law enforcement training of over 200 police academy recruits - many of whom are now active law enforcement officers at agencies throughout the North Bay area; and

WHEREAS, in good times, and in difficult times, James has dealt with a diverse range of people in, and out of the Police Department. and provided courteous and comprehensive help to City officials, members of the public, and fellow City staff; and

WHEREAS, he is a dedicated public servant, at all times committed to helping his community and administering police regulations; and

WHEREAS, James has worked to build cooperative relationships with residents, other government organizations, community groups, local non-profits, Sebastopol businesses, and other members of the community; and

WHEREAS, James and his wife, Francine, have five grown children and ten grandchildren who they will be able to spend more time with upon his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Patrick Slayter, Mayor, City of Sebastopol, do hereby express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for Chief Conner's dedication and commitment to the City, and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Sebastopol, and wish him the best and continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

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Mayor

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