

# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

## Proclamation

*Be it hereby known to all that:*

*Whereas*, Major Brian Burke, with an illustrious career spanning 27 years of dedicated service, is retiring from the esteemed Bristol Police Department; and

*Whereas*, Major Burke's journey within the department commenced as a Patrolman fresh out of the academy in 1997, showcasing his unwavering commitment to upholding the values of law enforcement; and

*Whereas*, Major Burke's exemplary trajectory led to his successive promotions, ascending to the roles of Sergeant in 2003, Lieutenant in 2010, Captain in 2016, and ultimately retiring as a Major, showcasing his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the progression of the department; and

*Whereas*, Major Burke's distinguished service has garnered numerous letters of commendation, both from the town and the esteemed citizens of Bristol, a testament to his unwavering integrity and unwavering commitment to public service; and

*Whereas*, his appointment as the Interim Police Chief of the BPD in 2019 epitomized the epitome of professionalism within the department, showcasing his exemplary leadership and embodiment of the core principles the Bristol Police Department stands for; his tenure as the Interim Police Chief was marked by his adept handling of day-to-day operations, ensuring seamless continuity and efficacious functioning within the department, further solidifying his reputation as an invaluable asset to the force; and

*Whereas*, Major Burke's instrumental role in securing the department's accreditation status and implementing cutting-edge technological advancements, including computer and camera upgrades, as well as his pivotal support for the integration of Body Worn Cameras, highlights his visionary leadership in propelling the Bristol Police Department into the forefront of 21st-century policing; and

*Whereas*, Major Burke's unwavering commitment, profound camaraderie with fellow officers, and profound impact on the citizens of Bristol have solidified his legacy as an indispensable and cherished member of the department, whose absence will be deeply felt within the fabric of the community.

***THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED***, pays the highest tribute to Major Brian Burke for his exceptional service, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the Bristol Police Department and the community at large. His legacy shall forever serve as a beacon of inspiration for future generations within the force and the community.



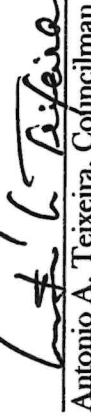
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